



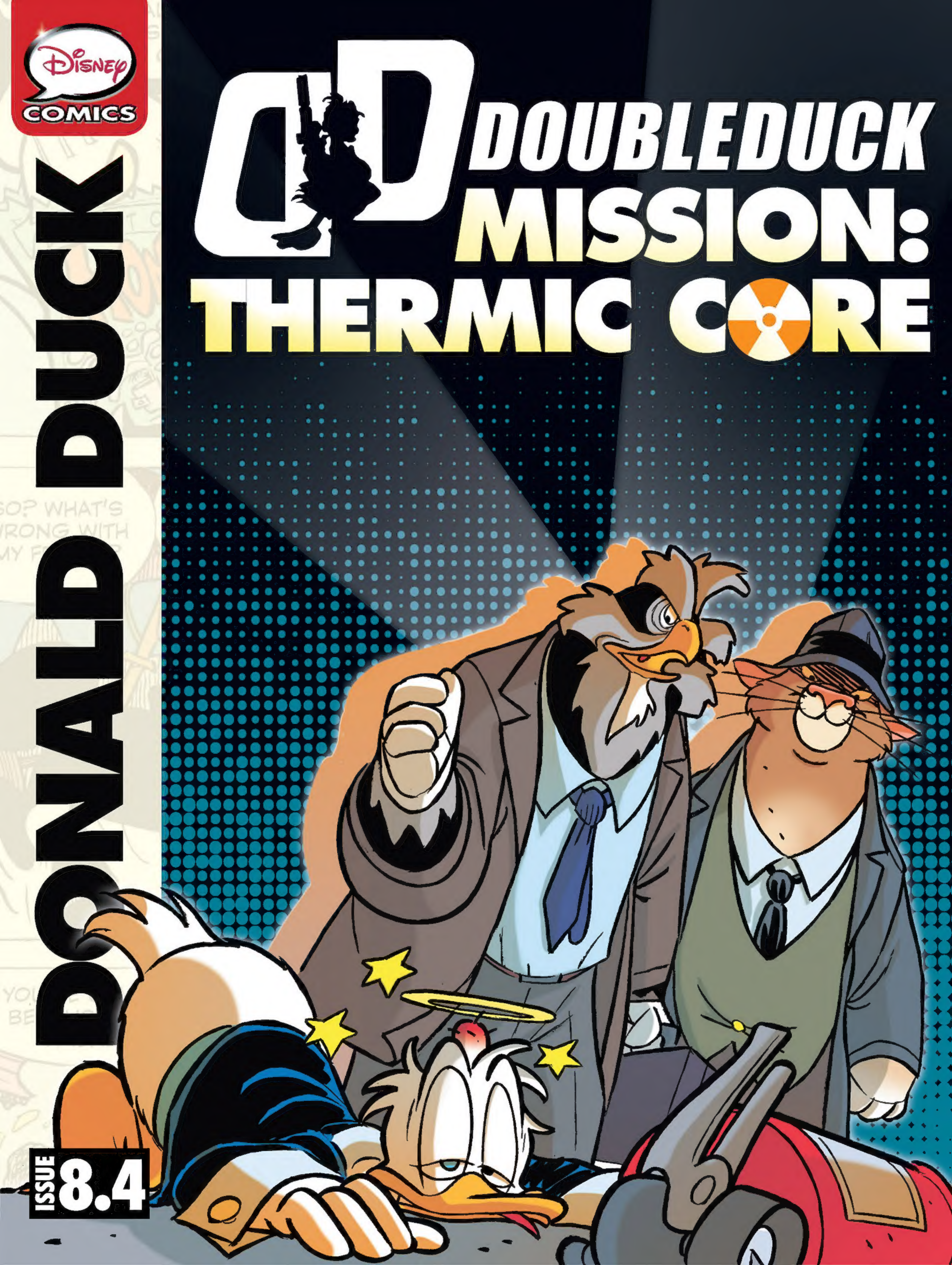
DOONALD DUCK

DD DOUBLEDUCK MISSION: THERMIC CORE

ISSUE 8.4

SO? WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
MY F

YOU
BE





WHAT IS THE COURSE PLOTTED BY *WHITE DEEP*, A MARVEL OF SUBMARINE TECHNOLOGY, CREATED TO REACH THE CENTER OF THE EARTH AND STOLEN BY THE DIABOLICAL ORGANIZATION?

A CERTAIN DUCK WOULD LIKE TO KNOW...

TSK! LOOKING FOR A BATHYSCAPHE IN AN *OCEAN!* CAN YOU THINK OF A MORE ABSURD MISSION?

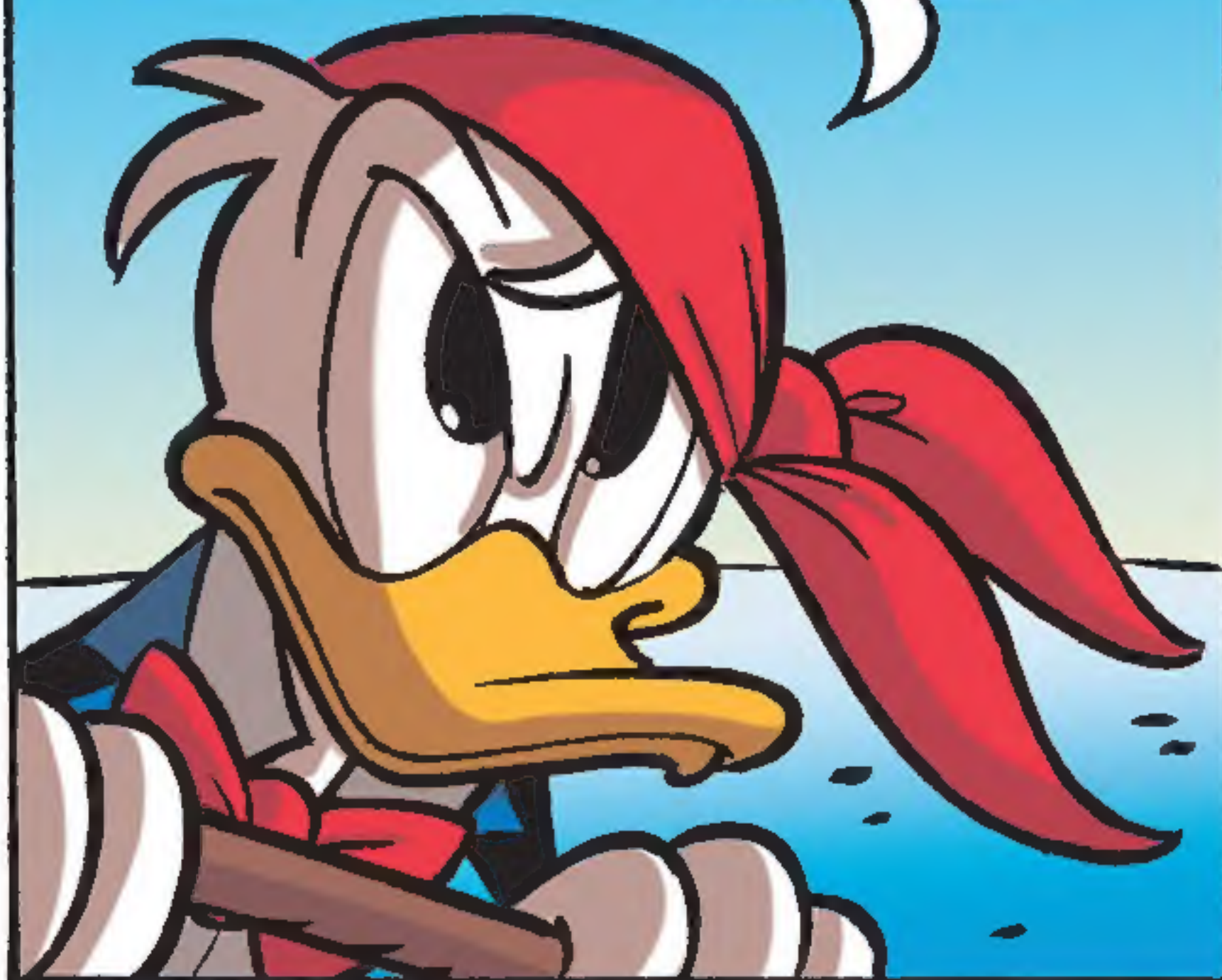


MISSION *Thermic* CORE

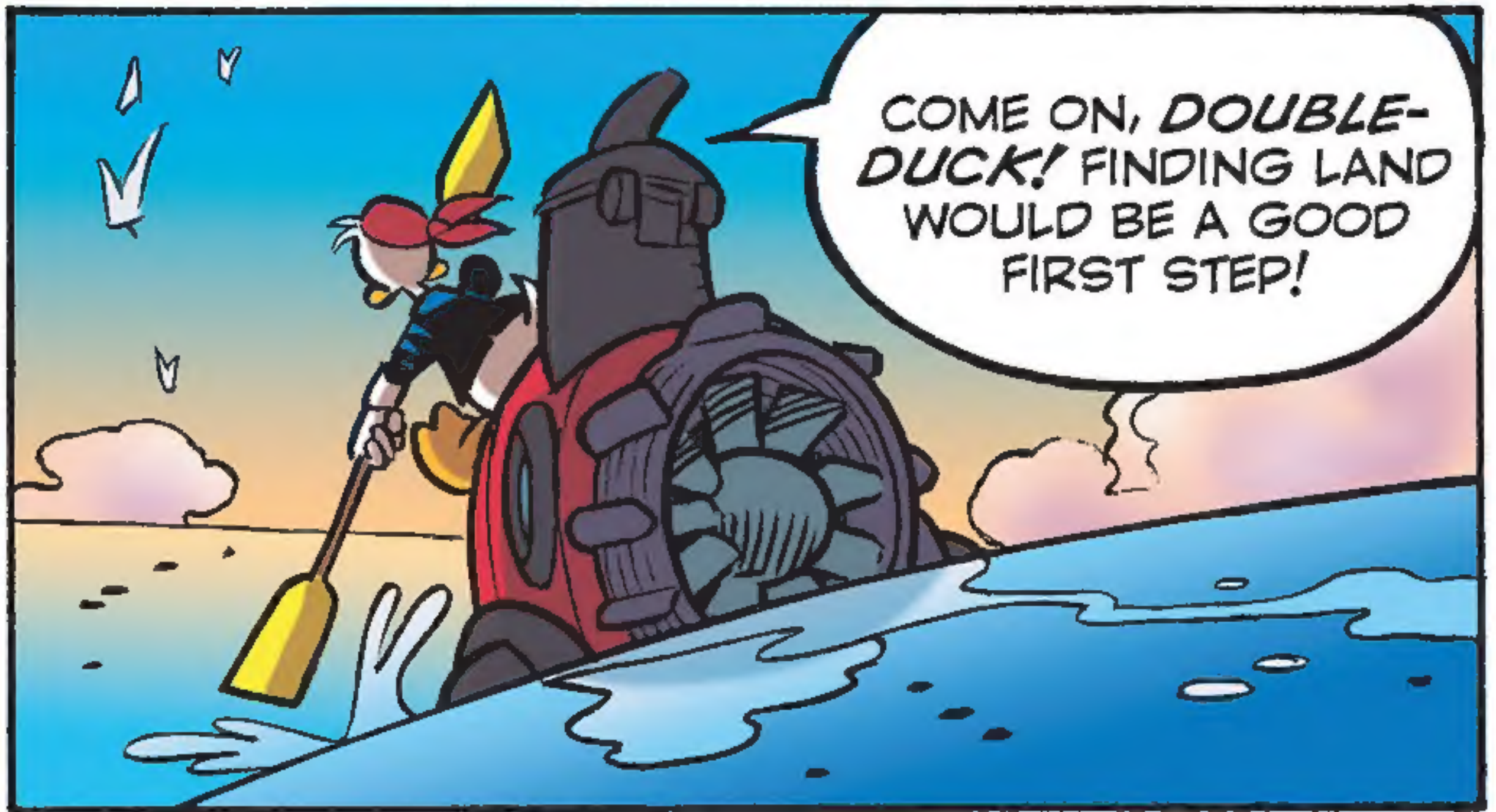


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DOUBLEDUCK

BUT I HAVE TO OBEY MISTER JAY J! ORDERS ARE ORDERS!

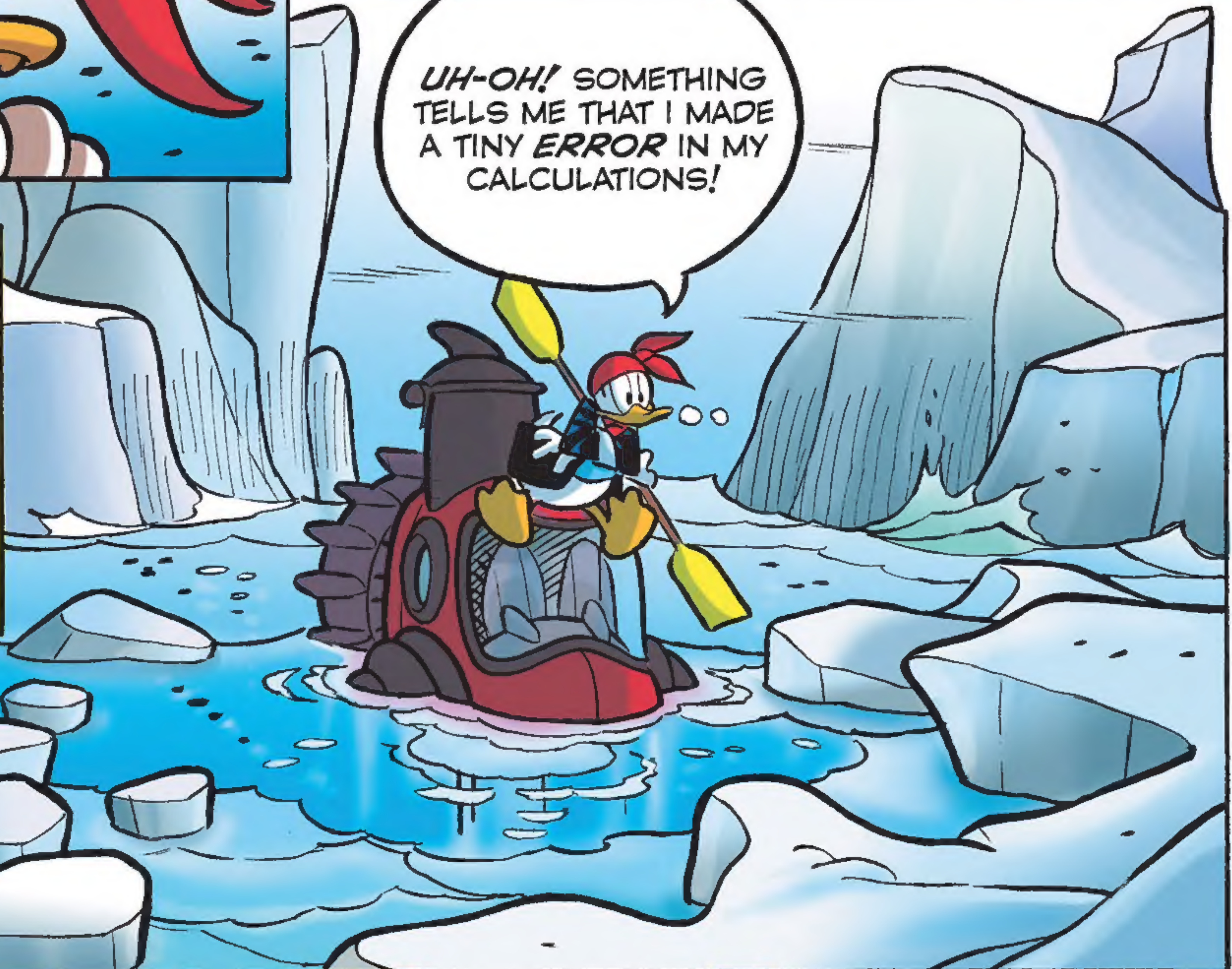
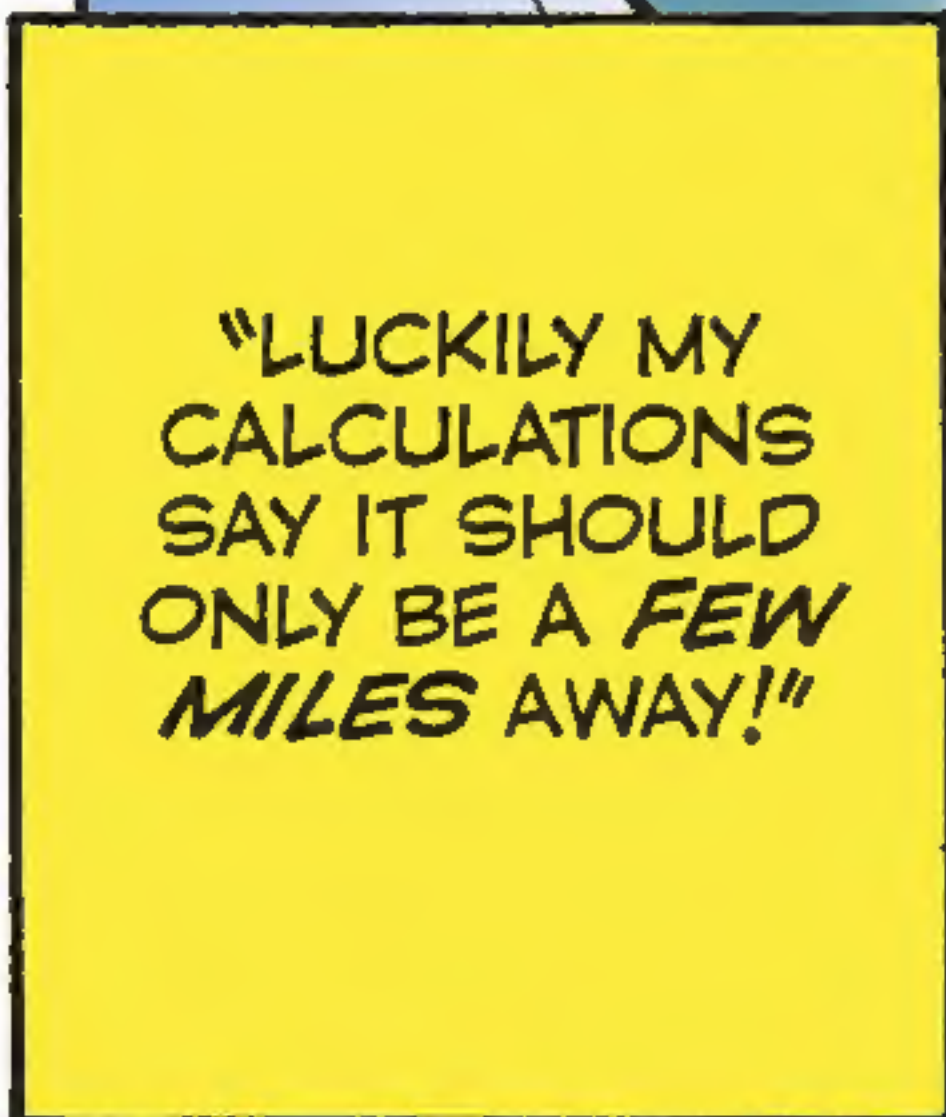


COME ON, *DOUBLE-DUCK*! FINDING LAND WOULD BE A GOOD FIRST STEP!



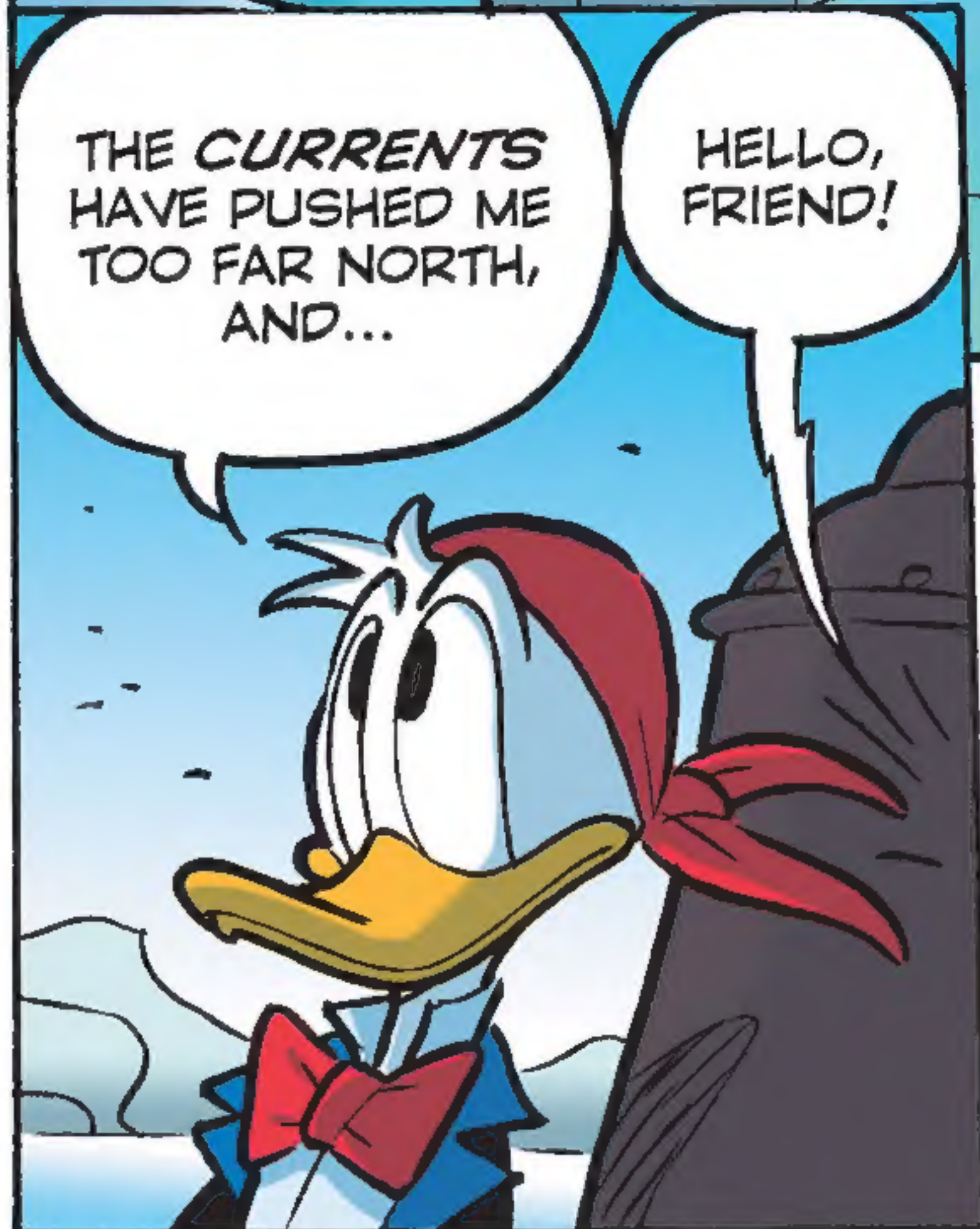
UH-OH! SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT I MADE A TINY *ERROR* IN MY CALCULATIONS!

"LUCKILY MY CALCULATIONS SAY IT SHOULD ONLY BE A *FEW MILES* AWAY!"



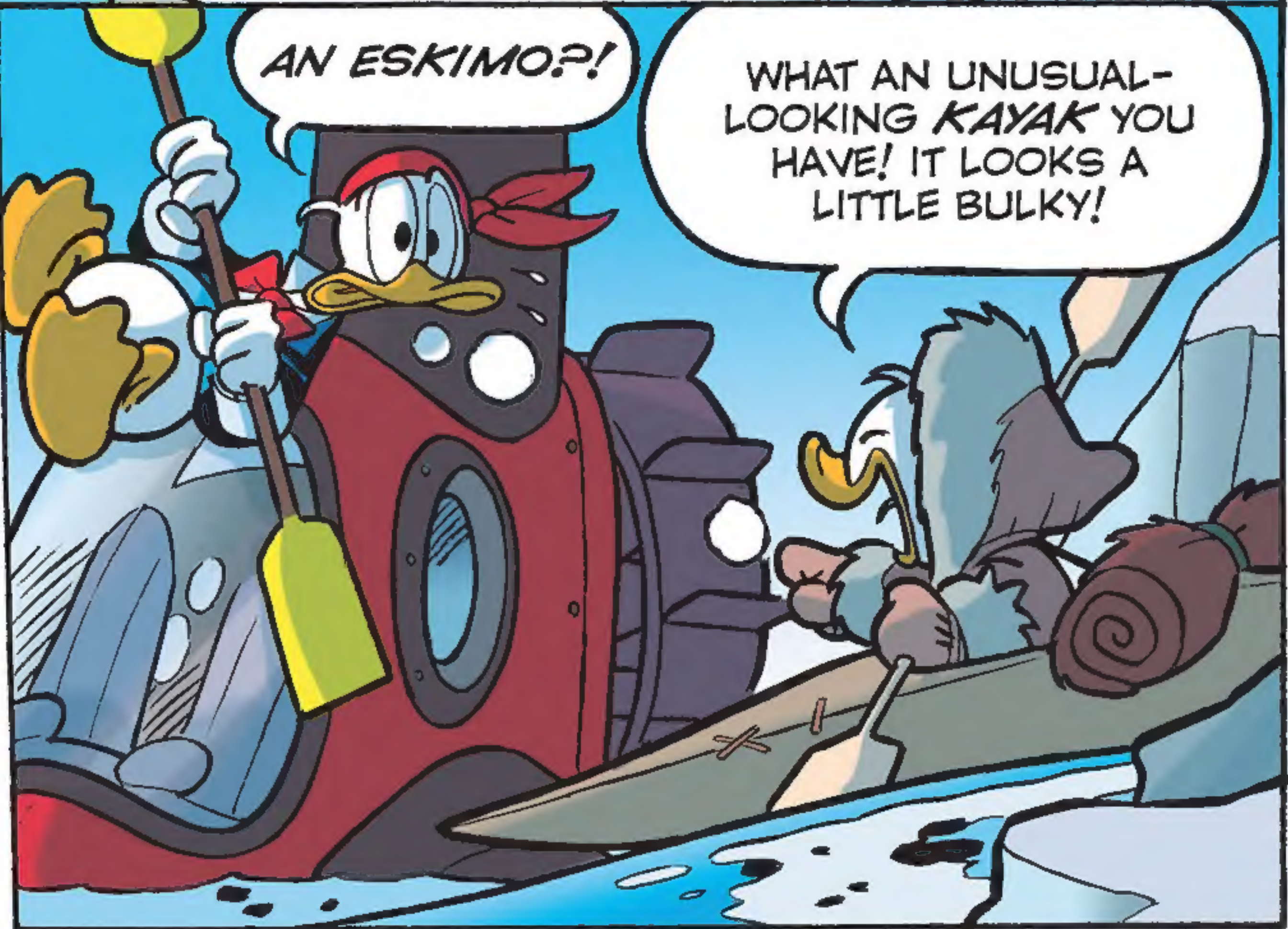
THE *CURRENTS* HAVE PUSHED ME TOO FAR NORTH, AND...

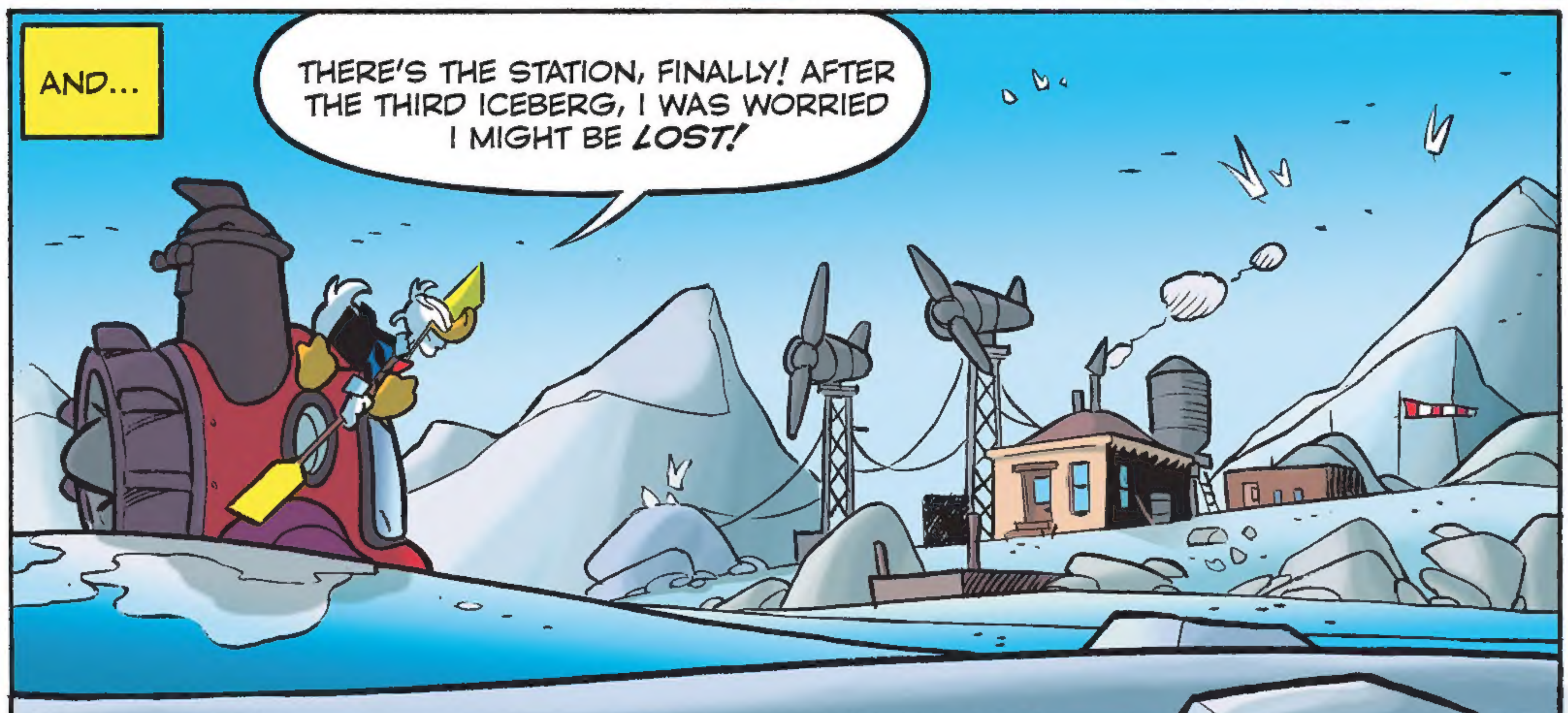
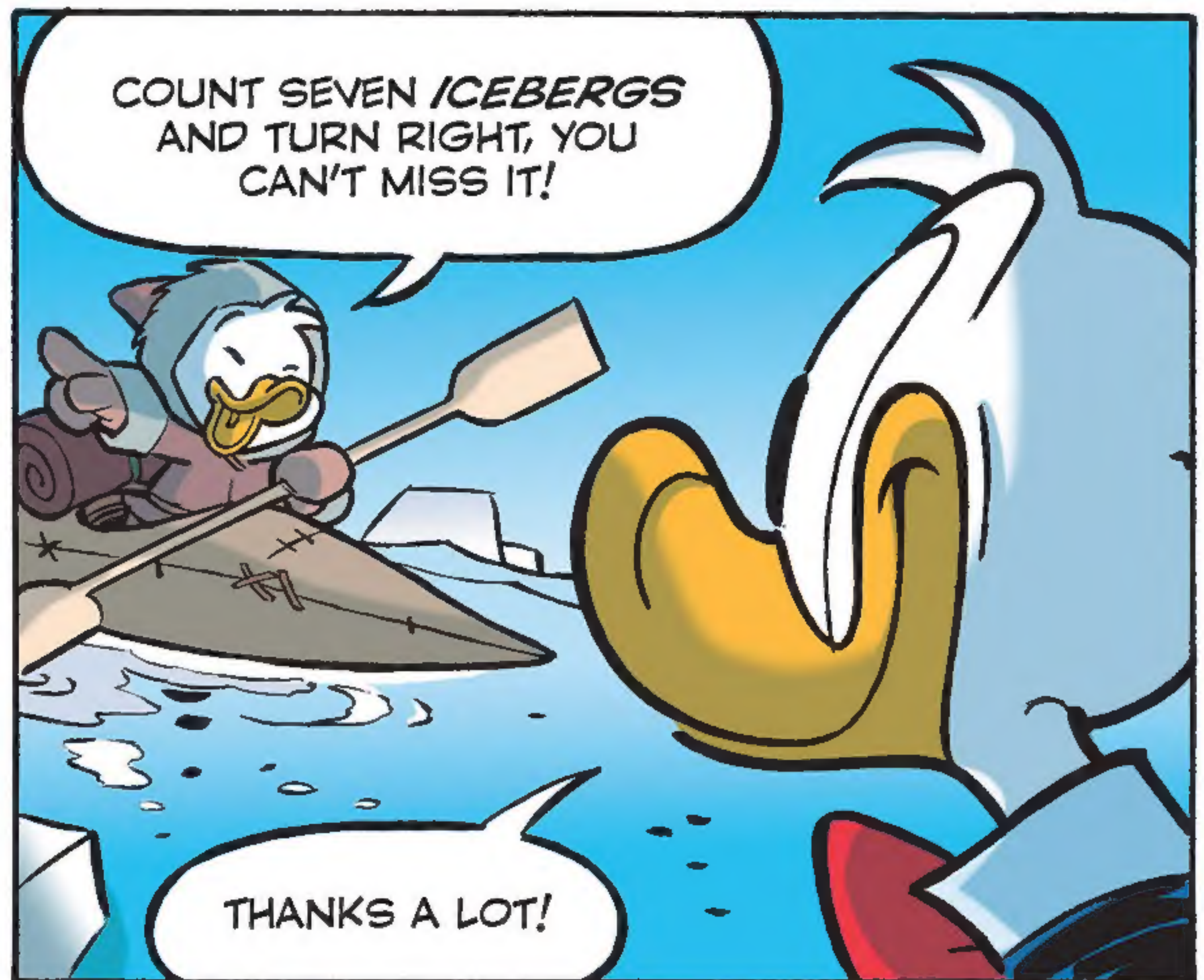
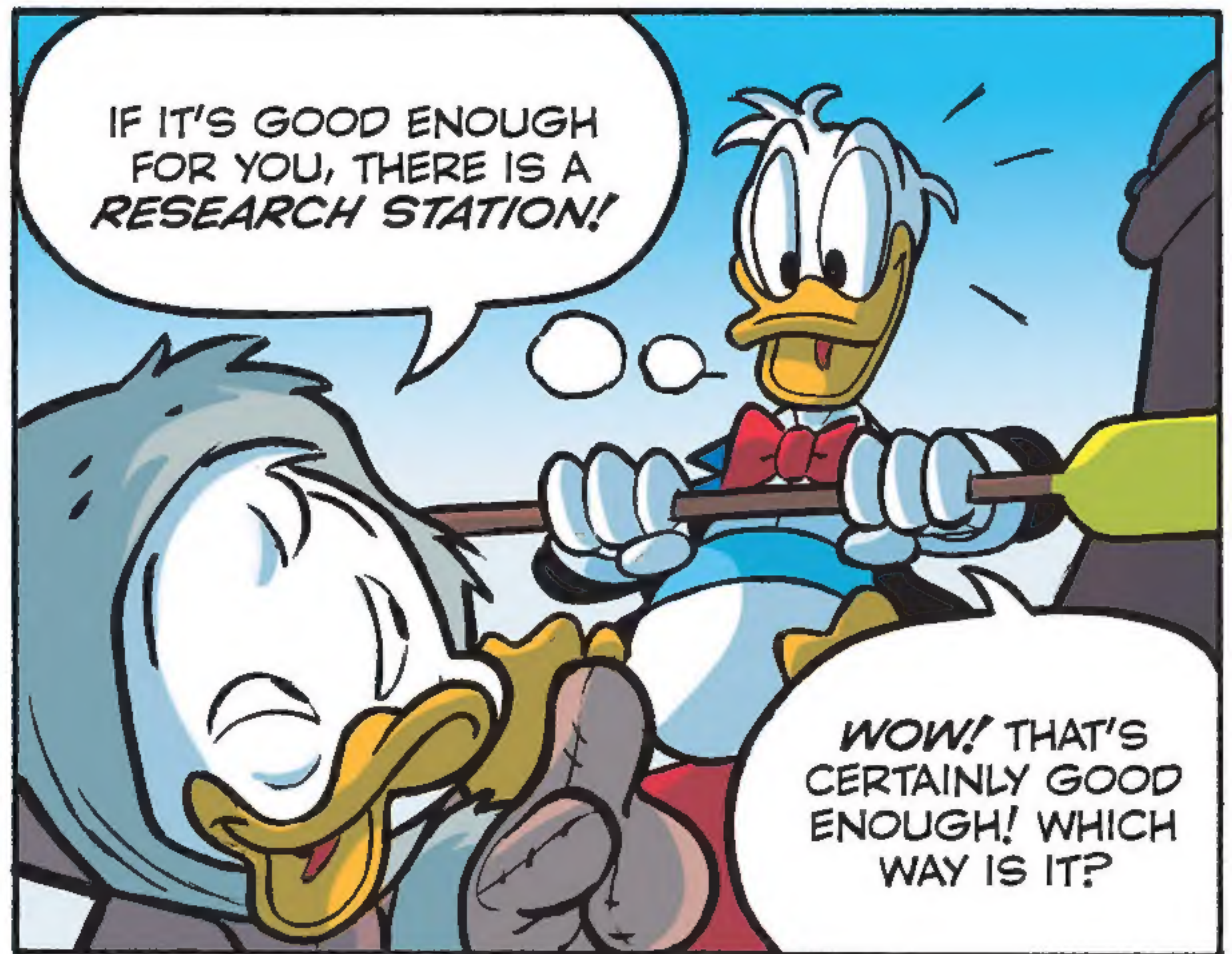
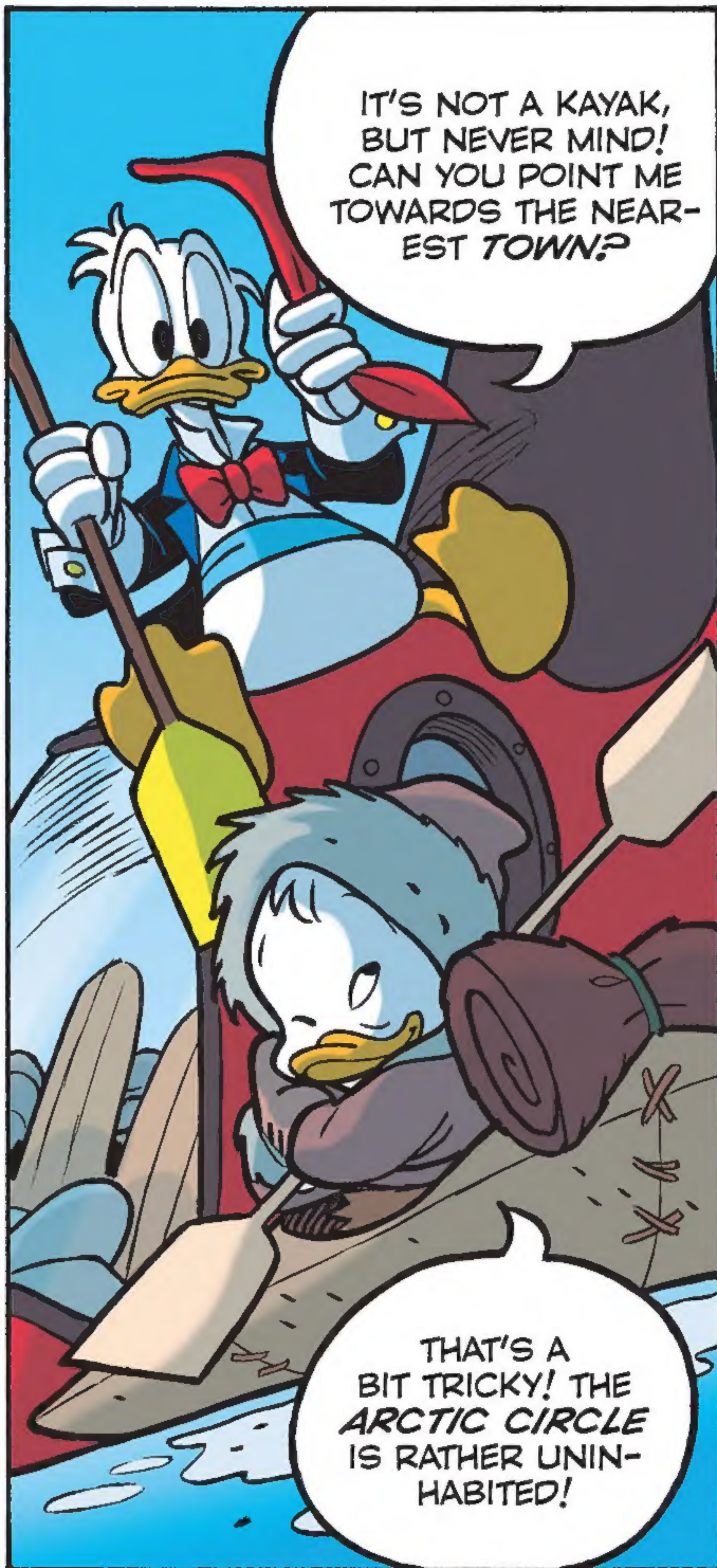
HELLO, FRIEND!



AN *ESKIMO*?!

WHAT AN UNUSUAL-LOOKING *KAYAK* YOU HAVE! IT LOOKS A LITTLE BULKY!







IT'S *LUNCH-TIME!* IN THESE PARTS, NOBODY WOULD DENY ME A BOWL OF HOT SOUP!

GIAFF



JUST A MINUTE! I'D BETTER COME UP WITH A PLAUSIBLE STORY...

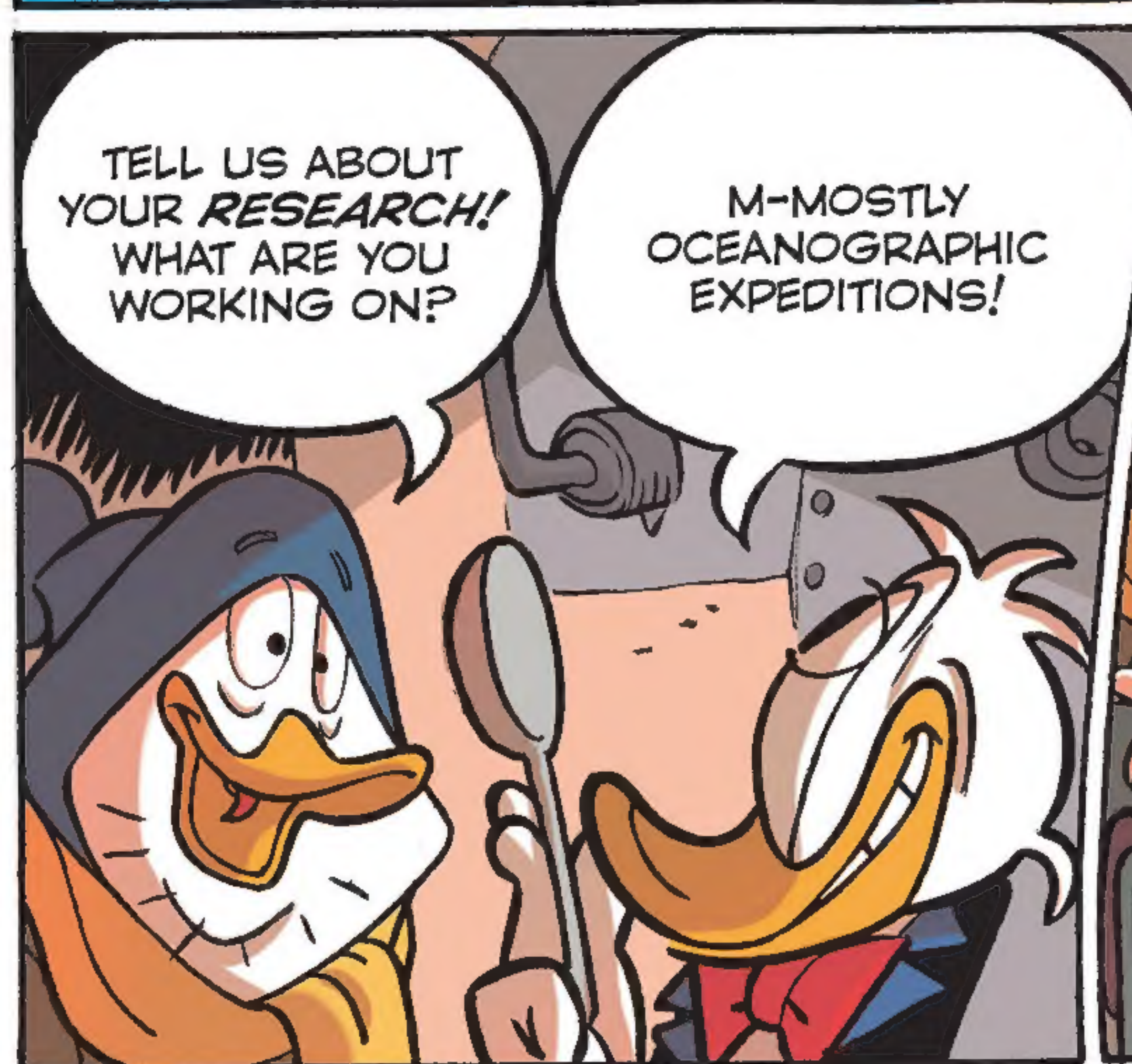
"... TO EXPLAIN WHAT I'M DOING HERE!"



WE'RE HONORED TO HOST YOU, PROFESSOR *DUCKOV!* IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO MEET A COLLEAGUE!

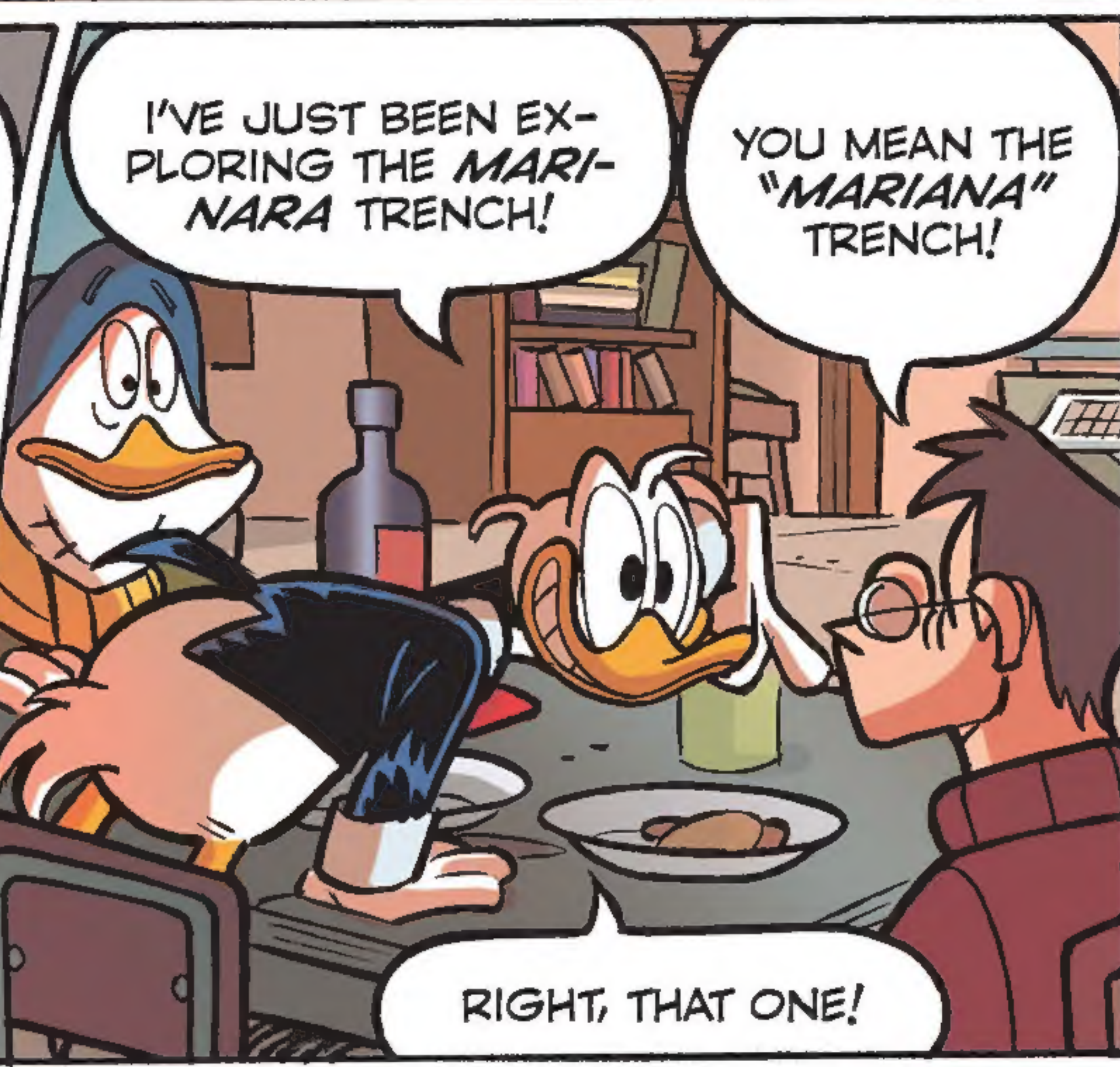


THE PLEASURE IS... *SLURP...* ALL MINE!



TELL US ABOUT YOUR *RESEARCH!* WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?

M-MOSTLY OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS!



I'VE JUST BEEN EXPLORING THE *MARI-NARA* TRENCH!

YOU MEAN THE "*MARIANA*" TRENCH!

RIGHT, THAT ONE!



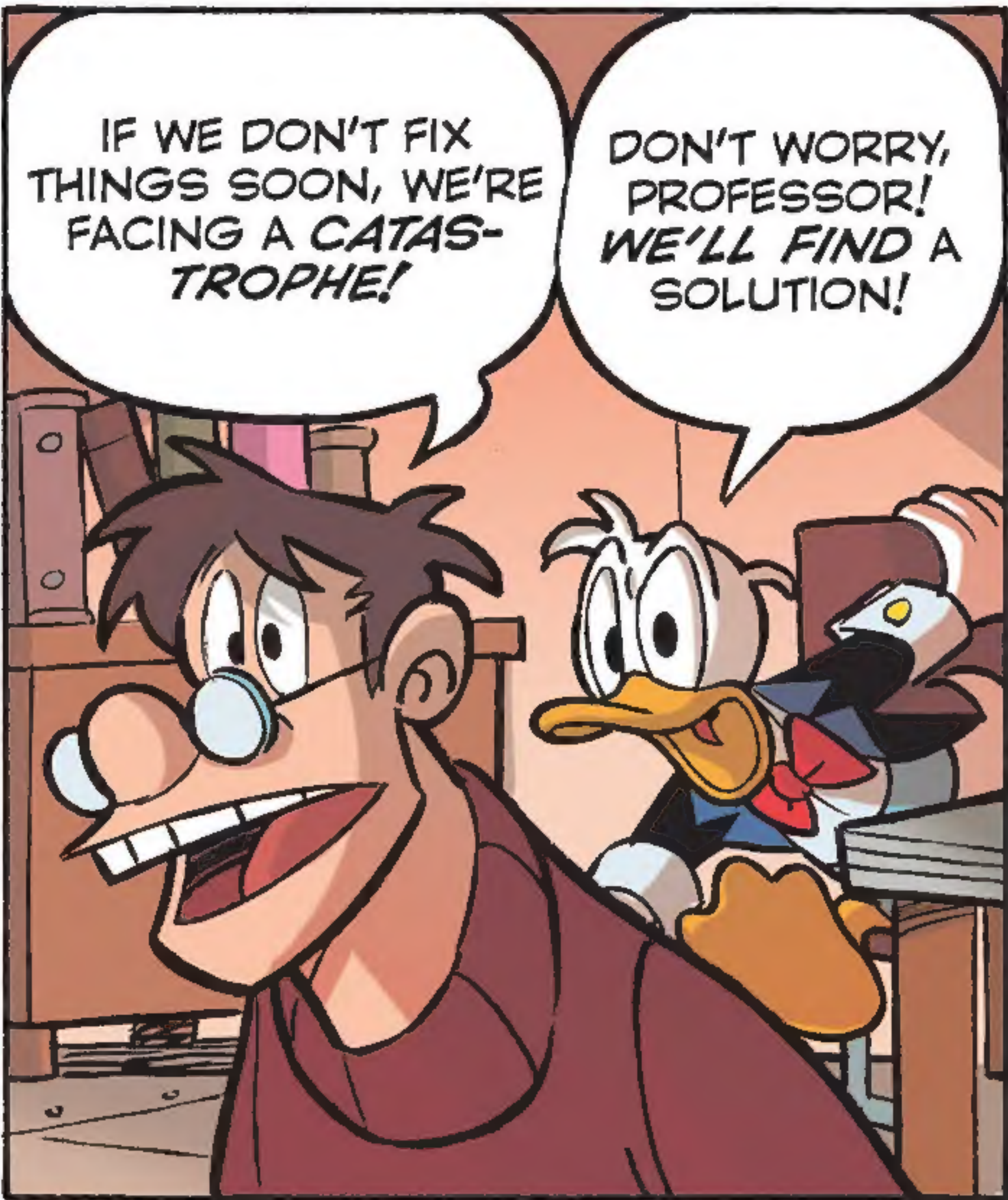
HERE WE'VE BEEN STUDYING
THE EFFECTS OF *GLOBAL
WARMING* ON THE
ARCTIC REGIONS!

HEY, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY
SO BEFORE? I'M AN *EXPERT*
IN THE FIELD!

THE OVERHEATING OF THE
PLANET IS A *DEADLY
SERIOUS* PROBLEM!

AND *UNFORTUNATE-
LY* THE SITUATION IS
GETTING WORSE!

"THE POLAR ICE
IS *MELTING* FASTER
THAN EVER BEFORE!"



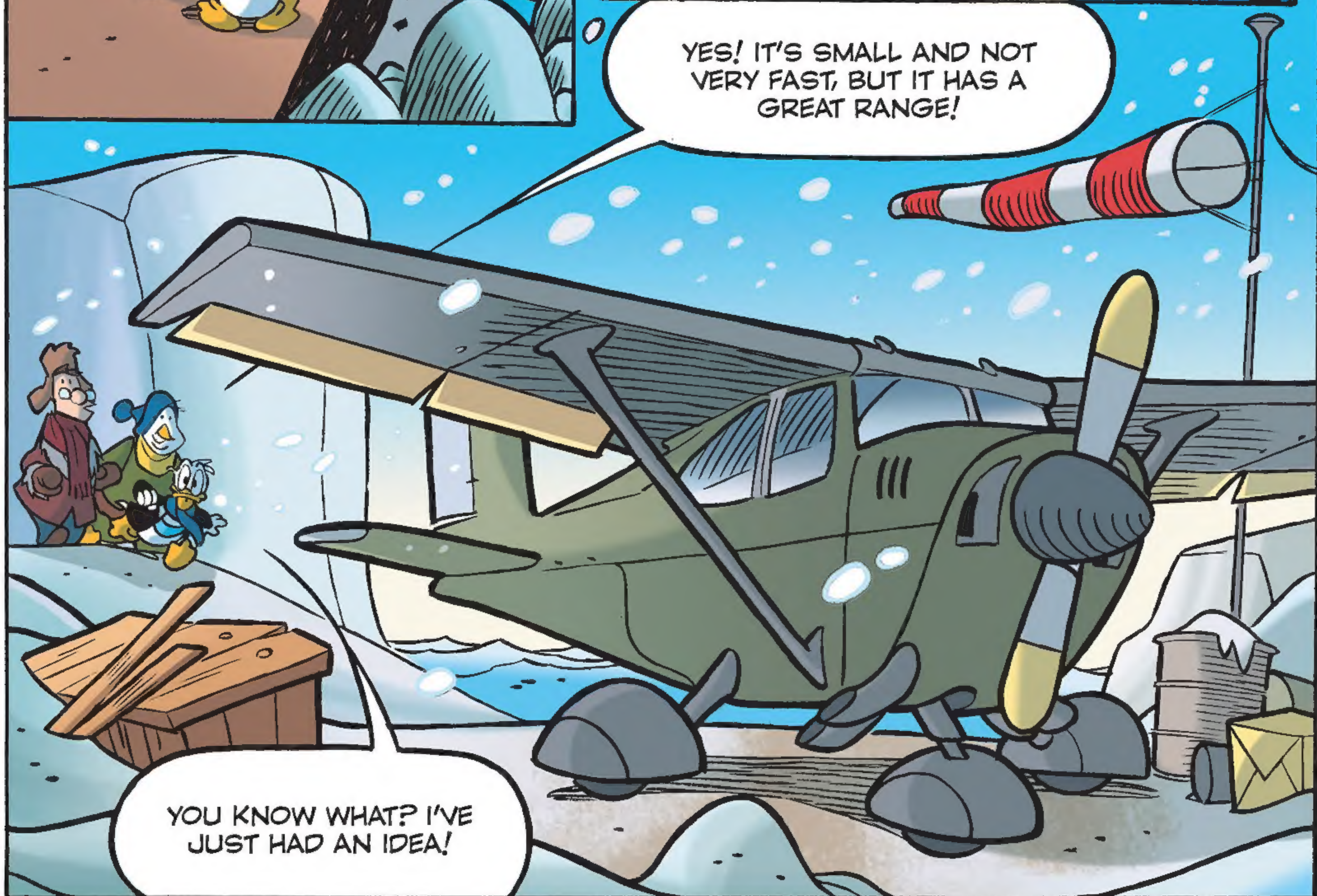
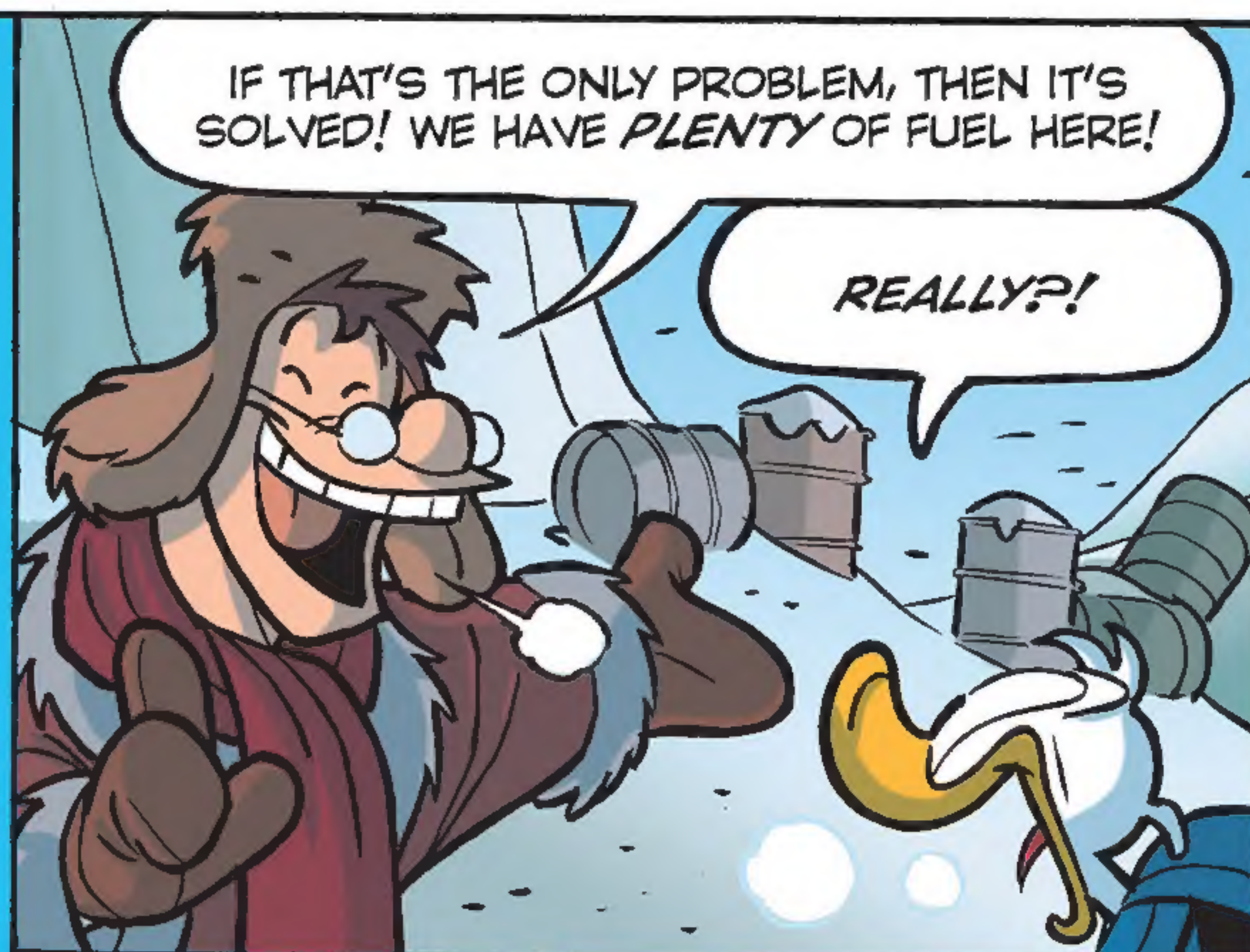
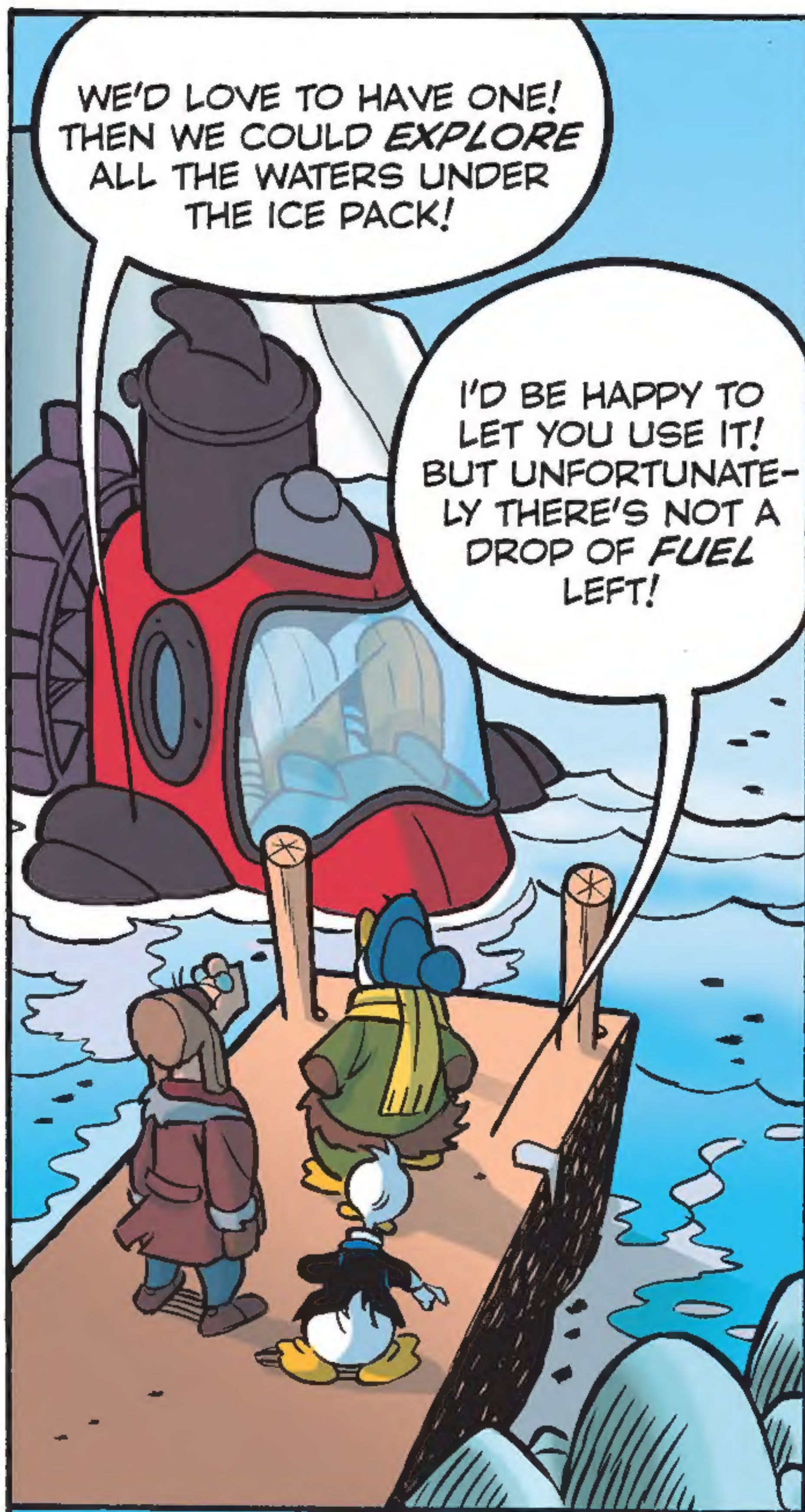
IF WE DON'T FIX
THINGS SOON, WE'RE
FACING A *CATAS-
TROPHE!*

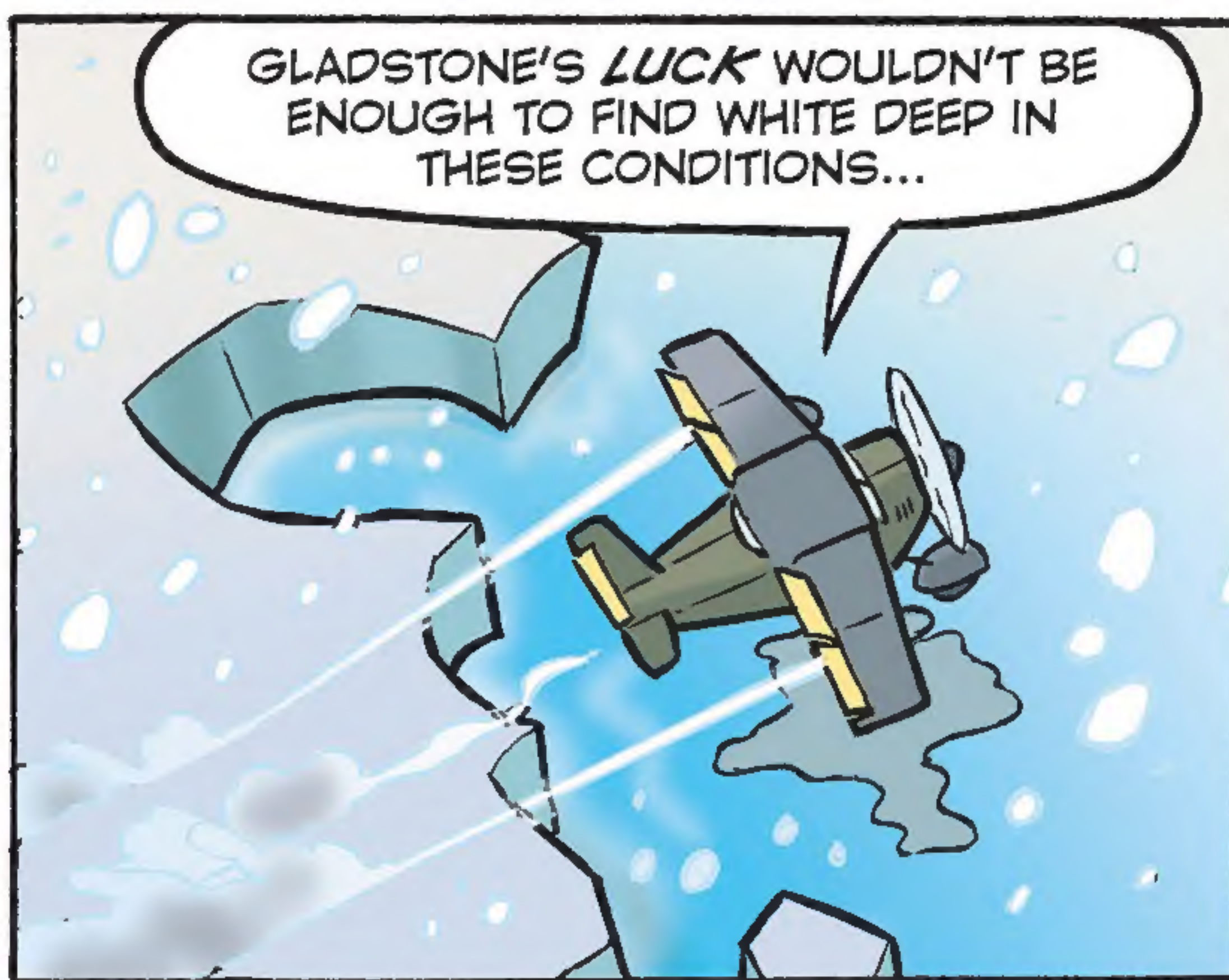
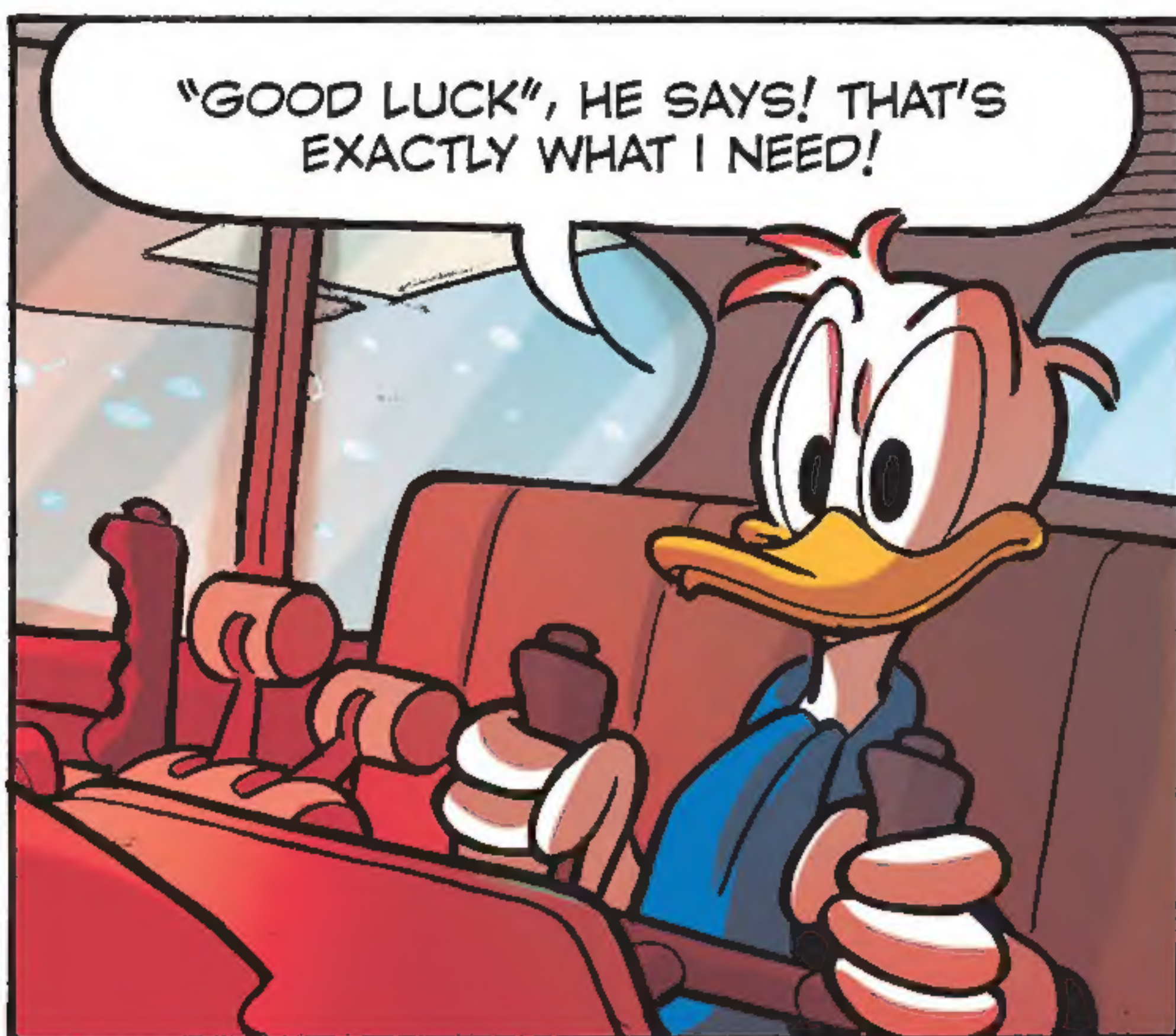
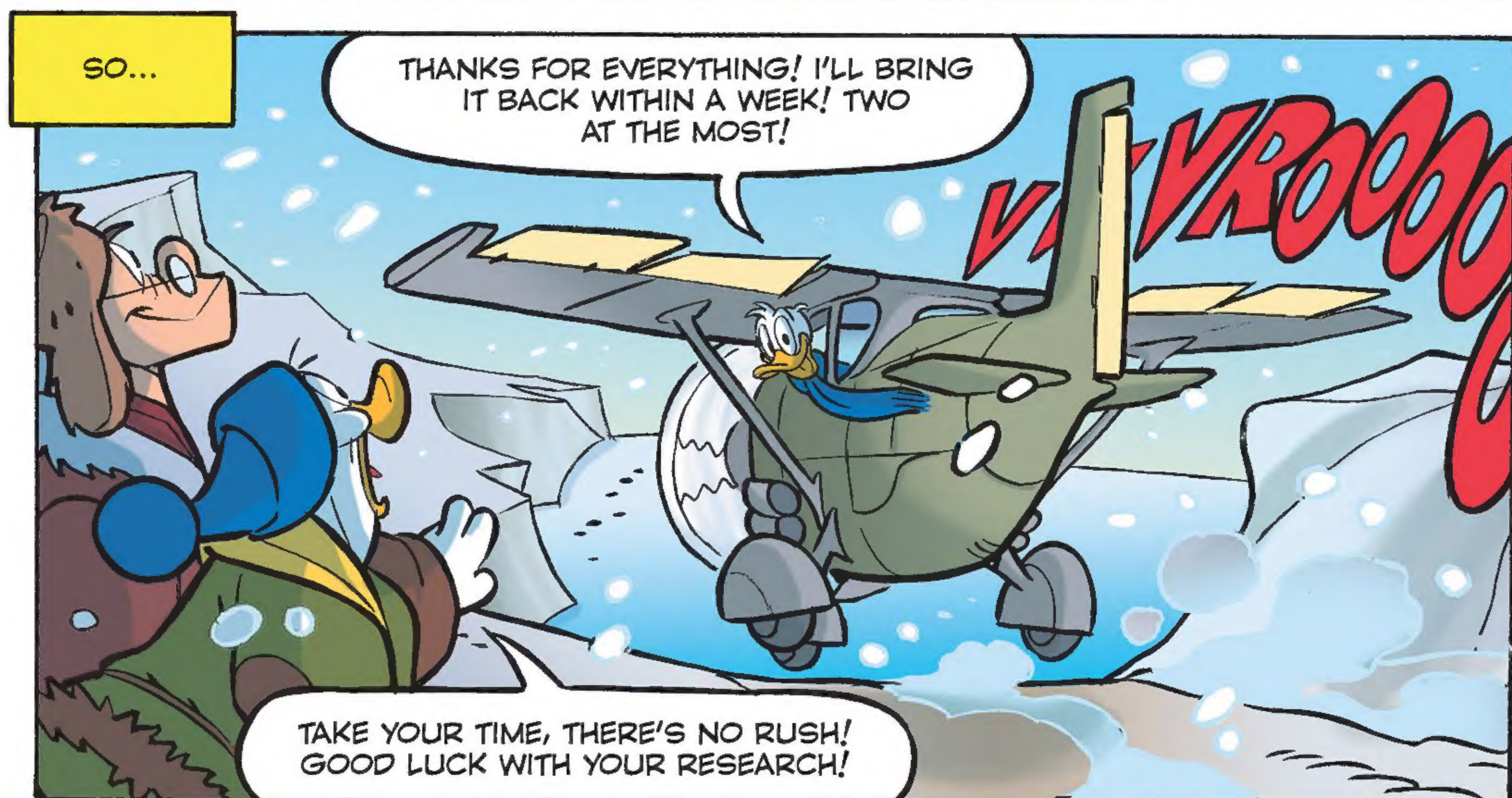
DON'T WORRY,
PROFESSOR!
*WE'LL FIND A
SOLUTION!*



VERY NICE, YOUR BATHY-
SCAPHE! IS IT NEW?

UMM... YES, FRESH FROM
THE FACTORY!





"... LET A-
LONE MINE!"

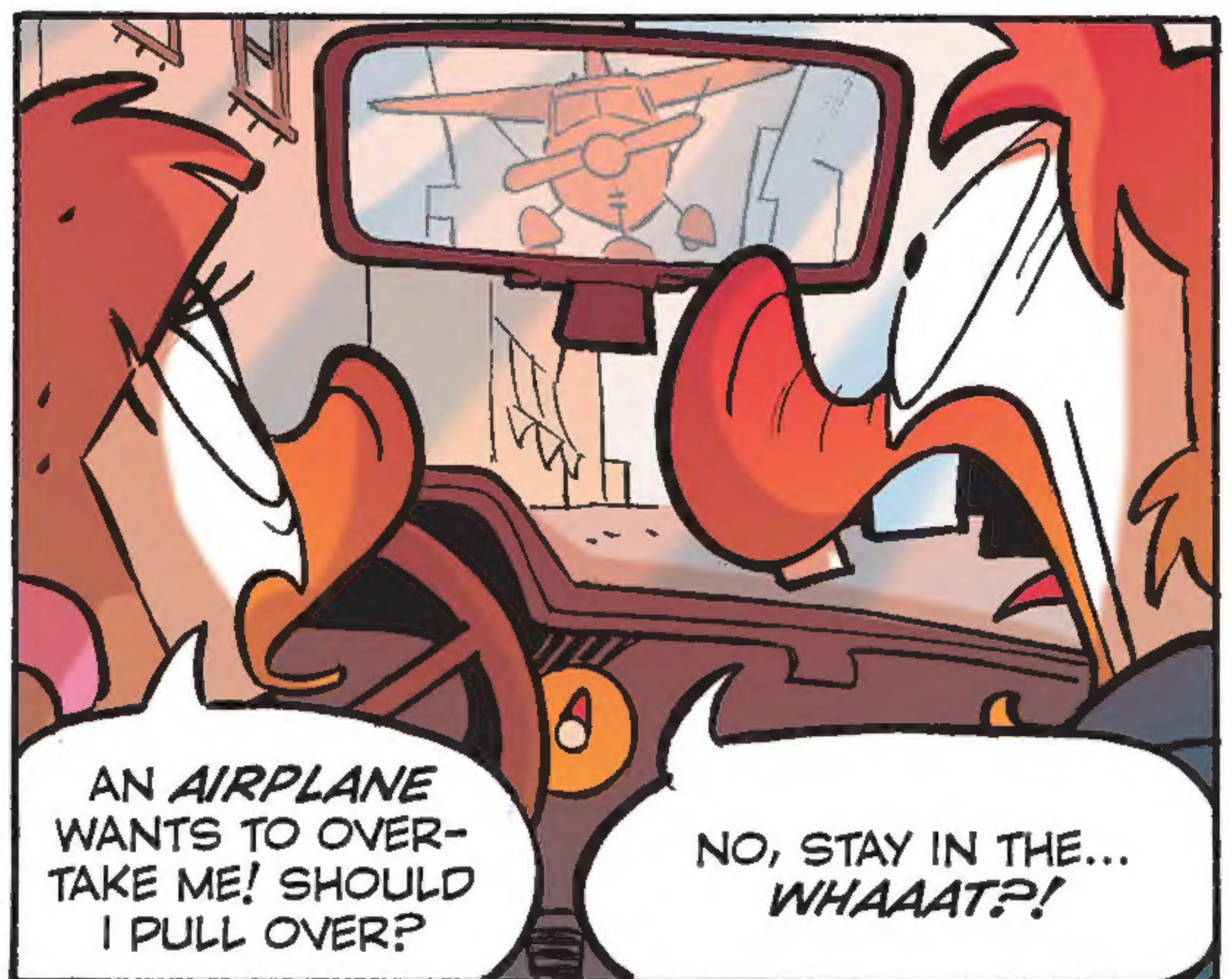
GROAN! ALL THIS
LOOKING DOWN HAS MADE
ME AIRSICK AND SEASICK
AT THE SAME TIME!

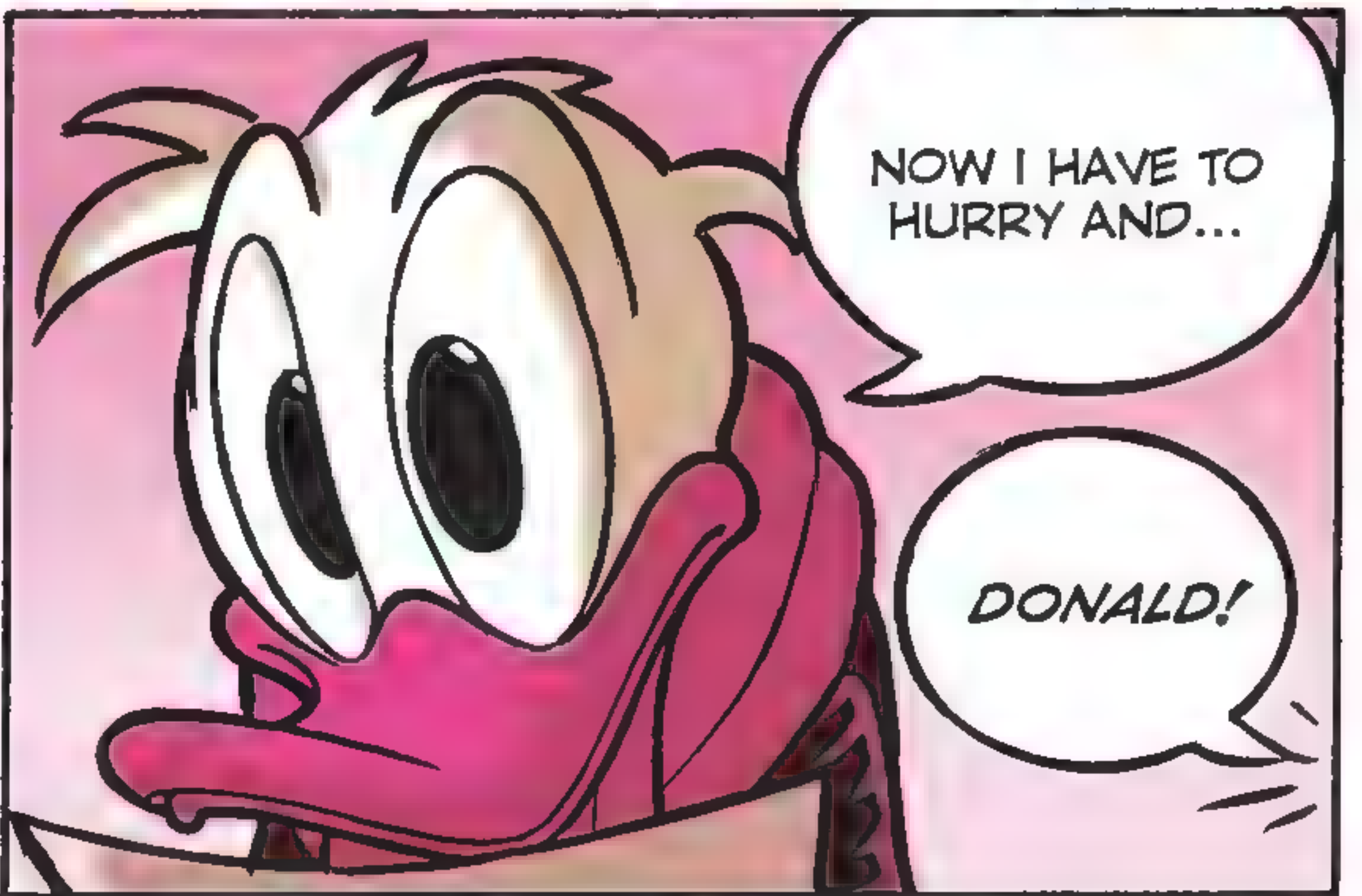
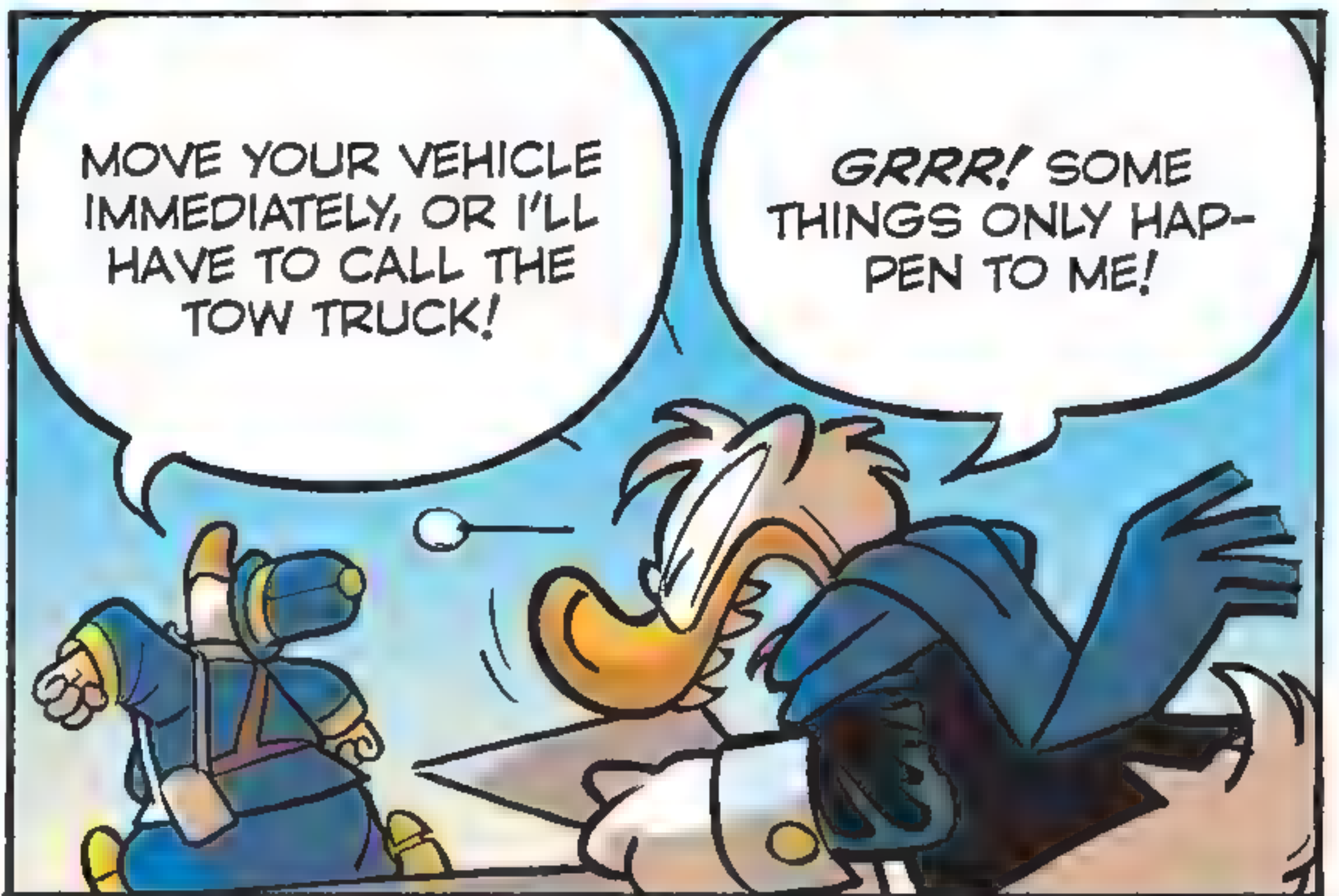
I'VE **SCoured** HALF
THE OCEAN, BUT I CAN'T
SEE ANY TRACE OF THE
BATHYSCAPHE!

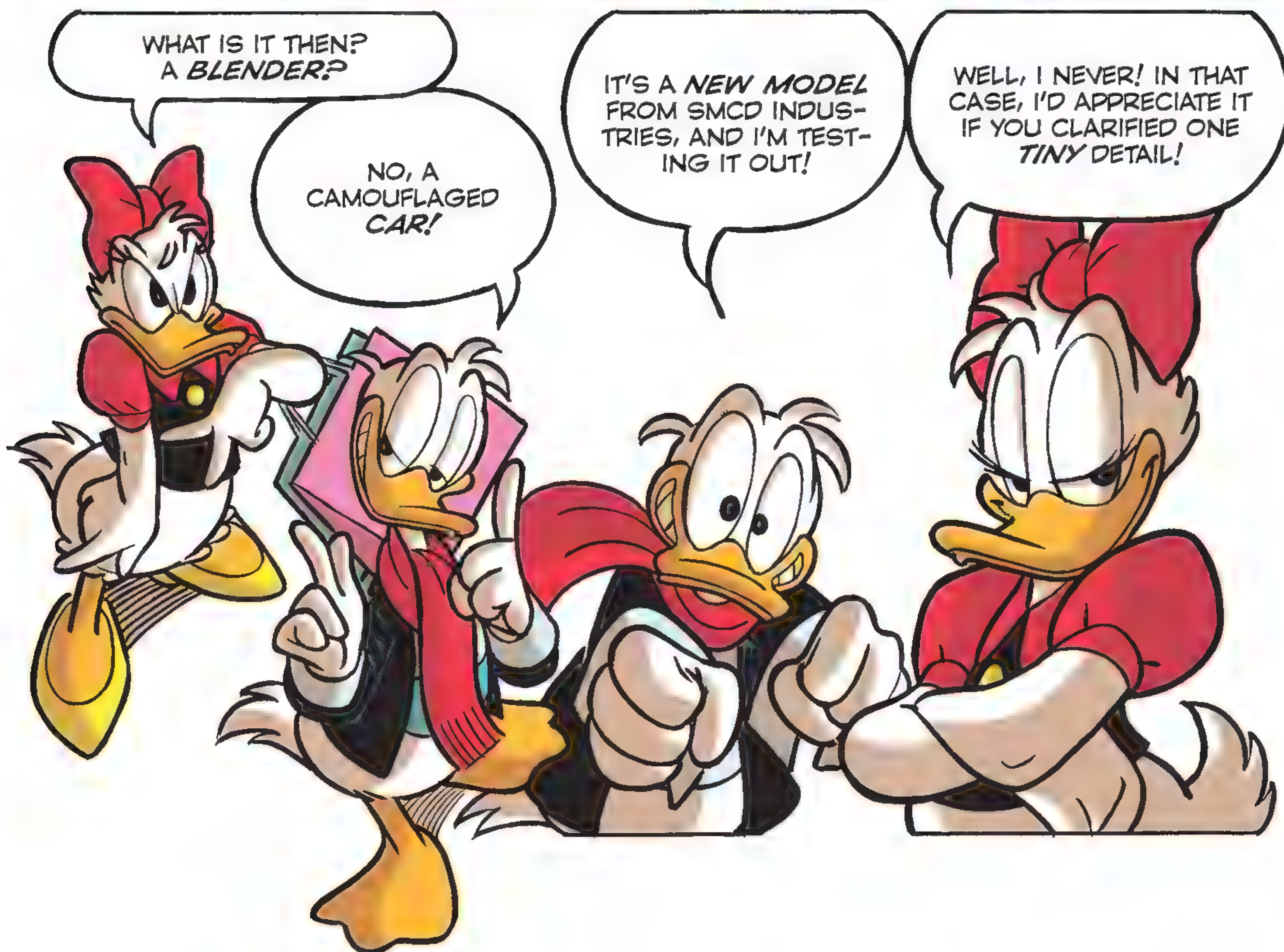
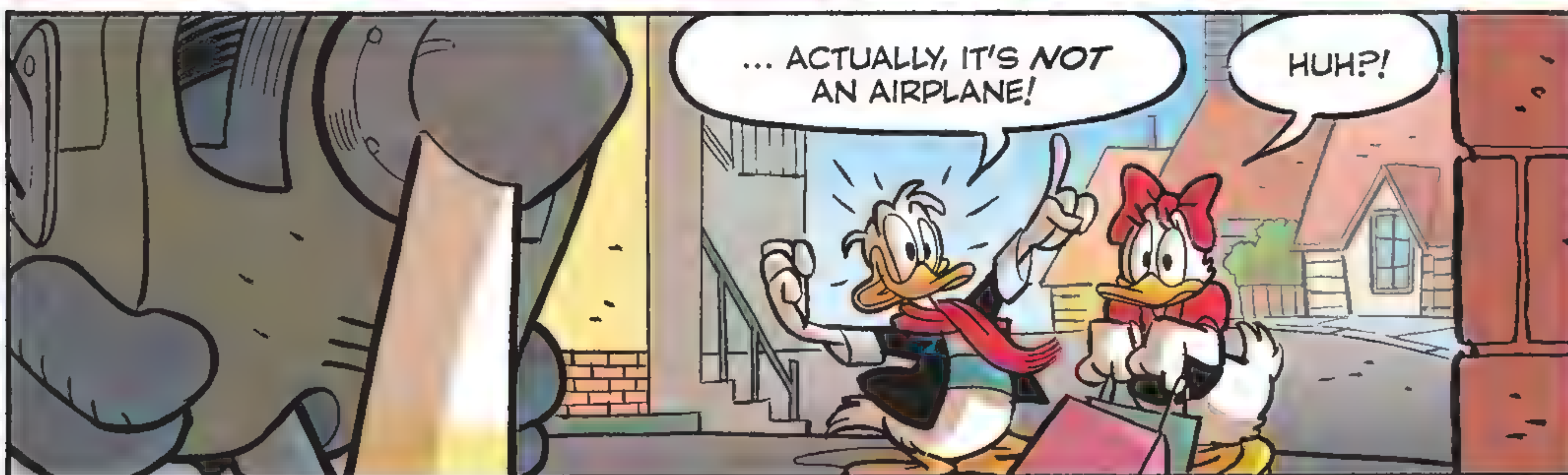
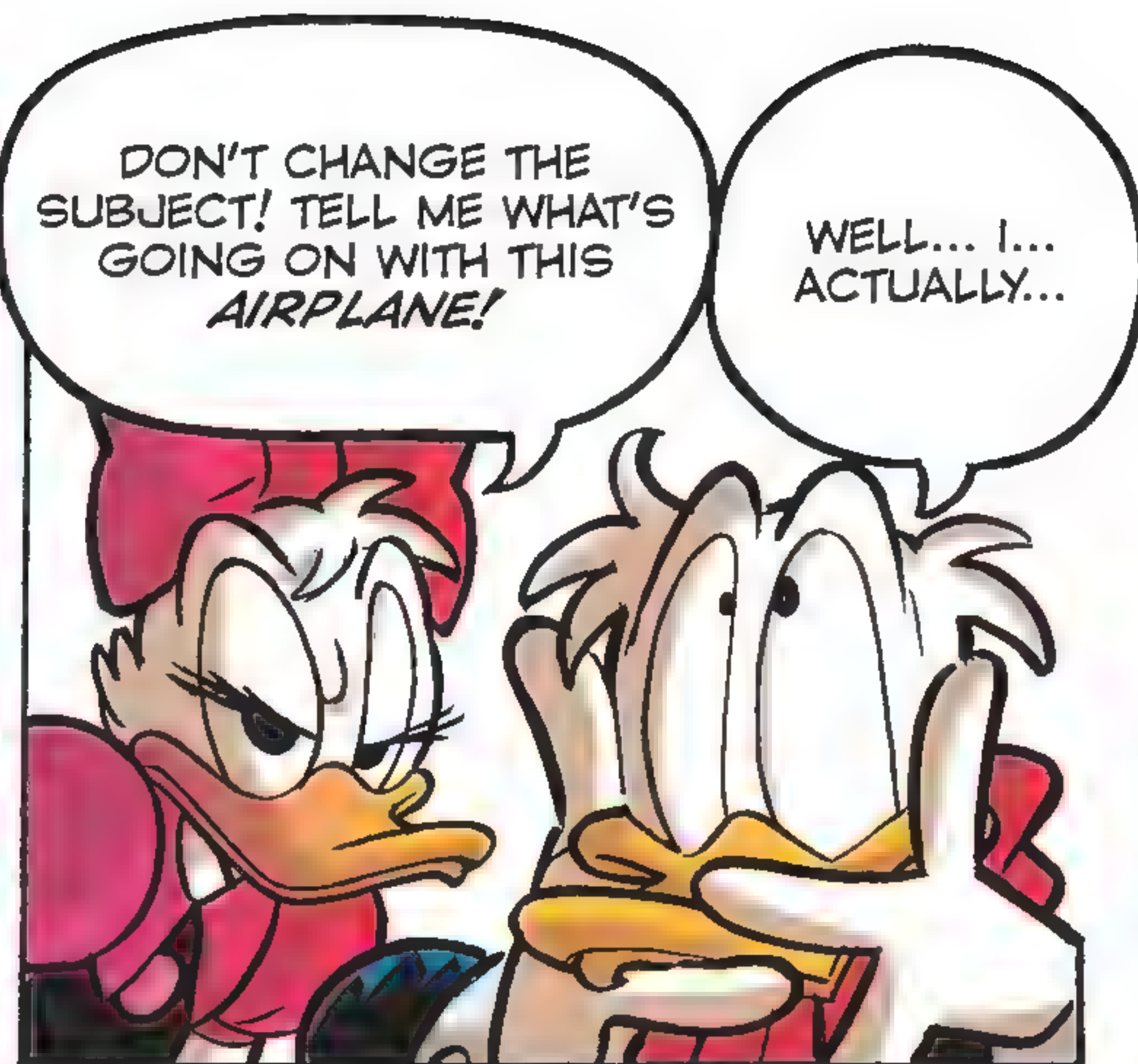
I KNEW IT WAS
POINTLESS AND...
GASP! I'M ALMOST
OUT OF FUEL!

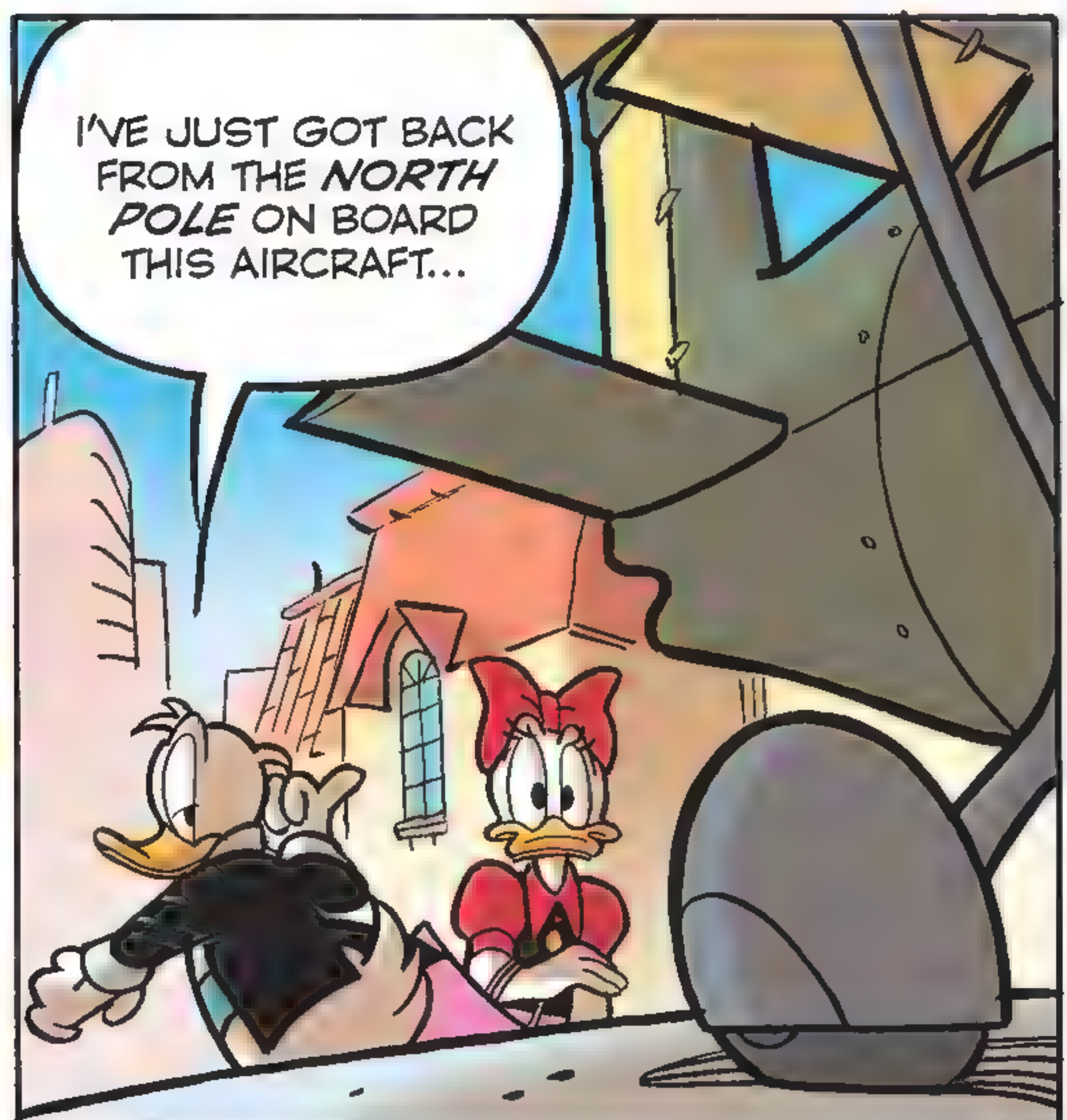
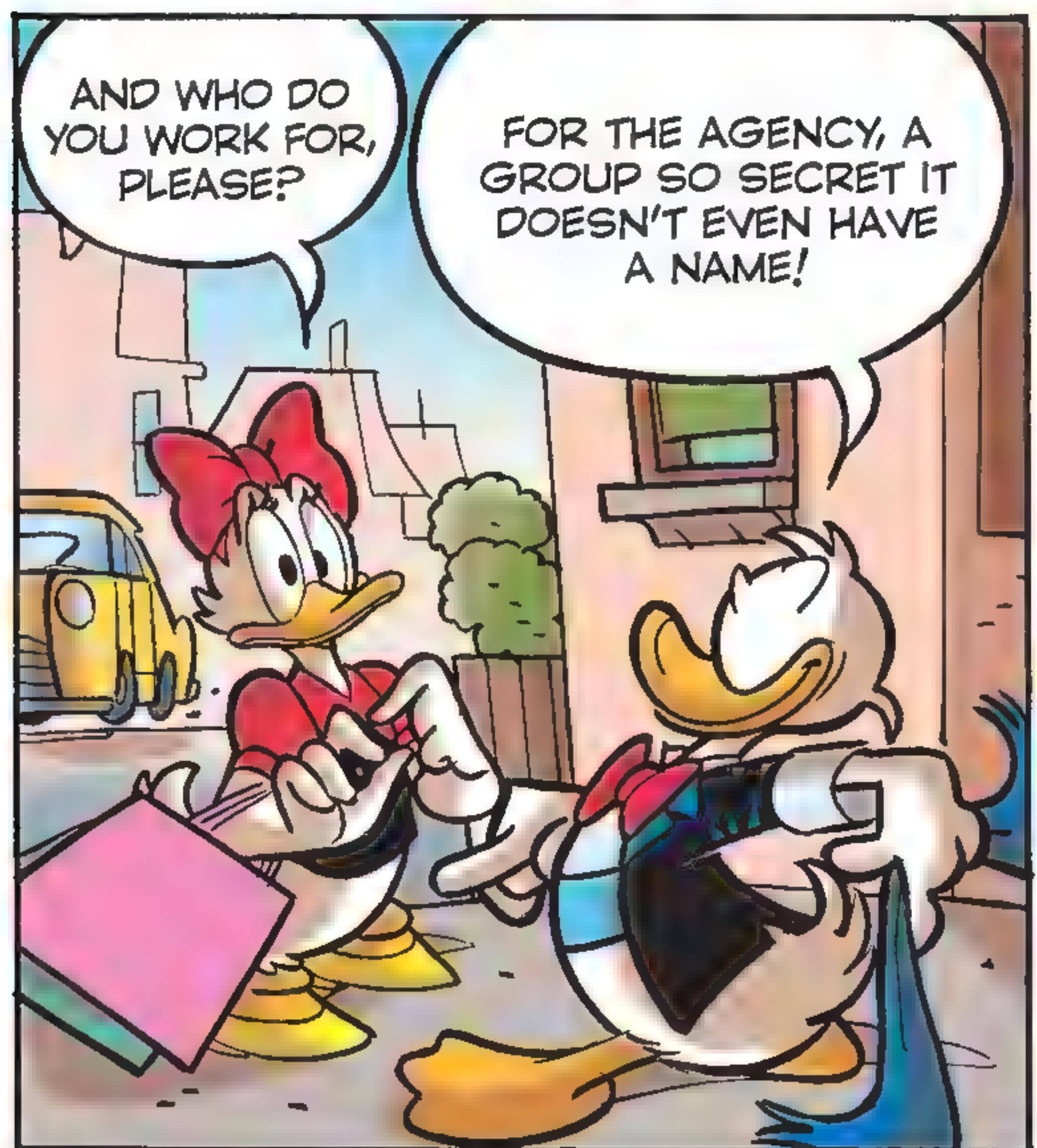
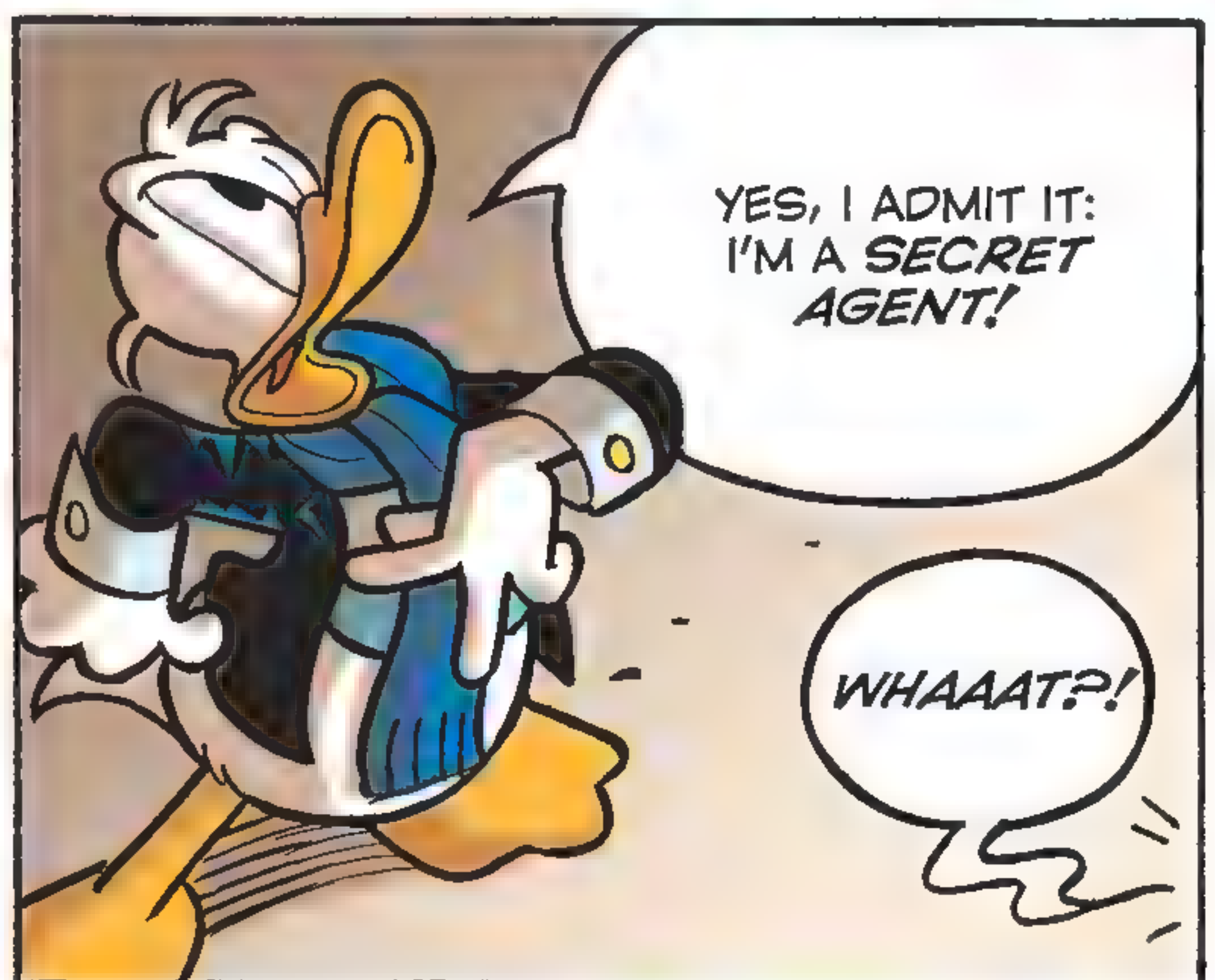
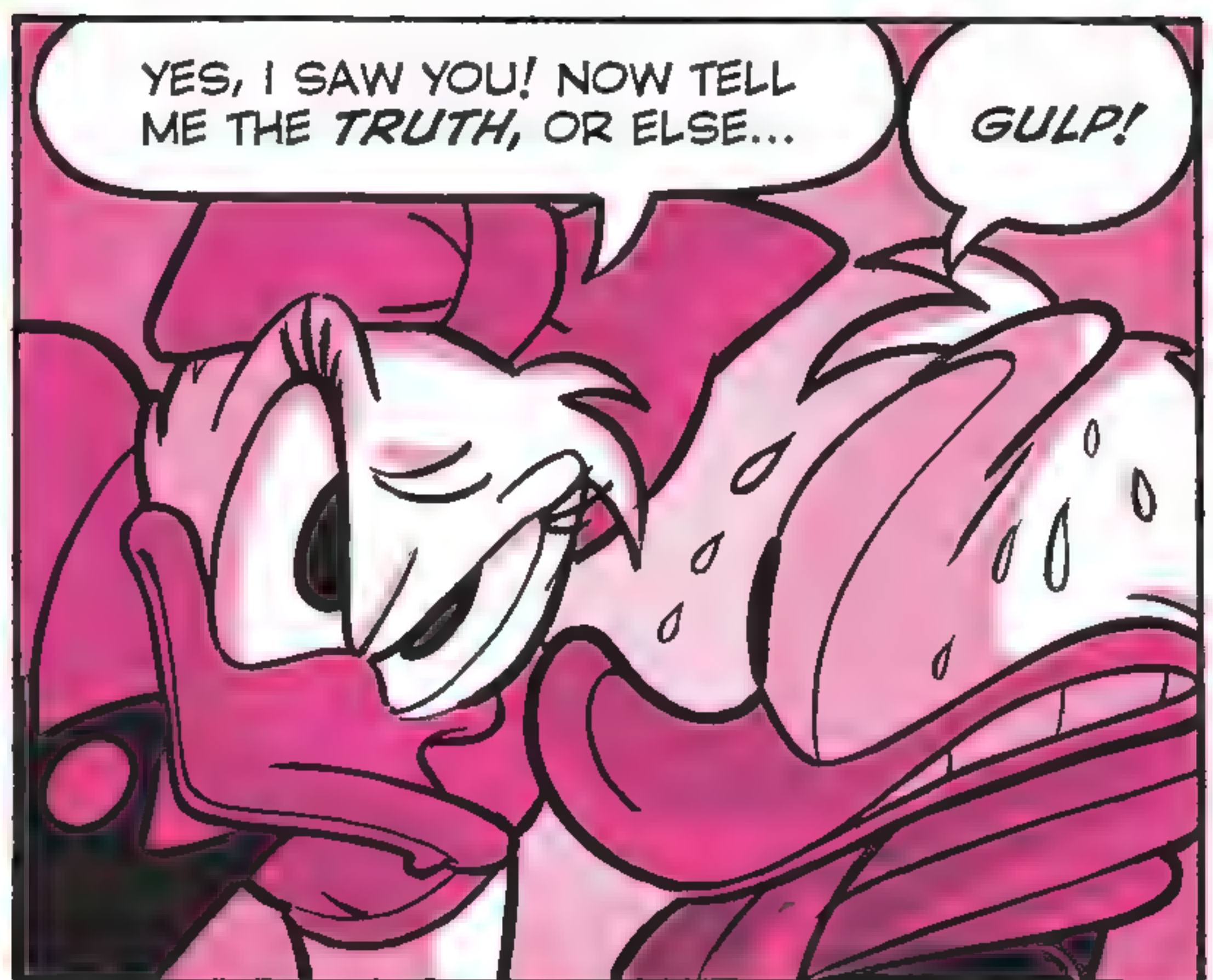
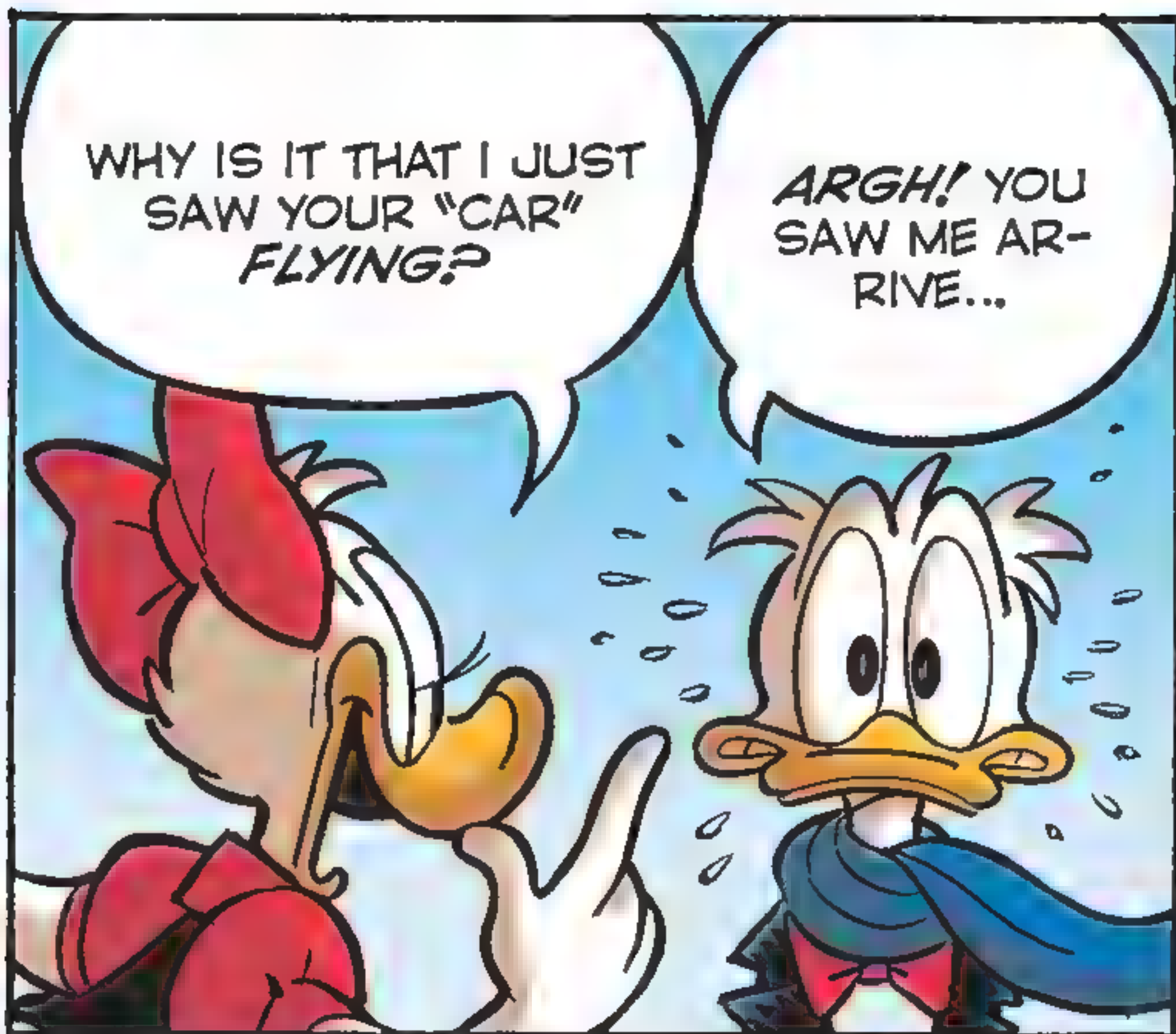
JUST AS WELL
DUCKBURG IS NEARBY!

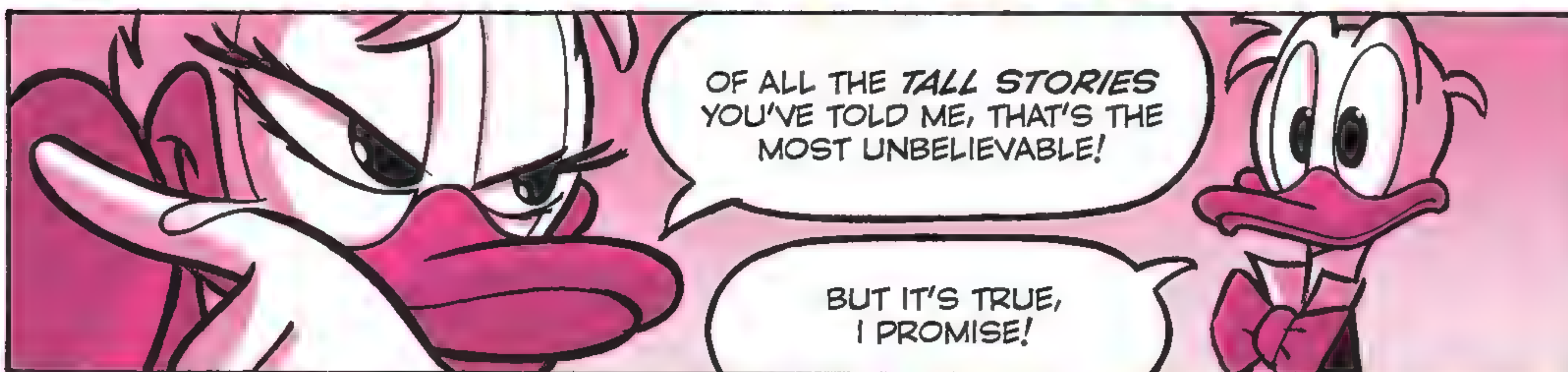
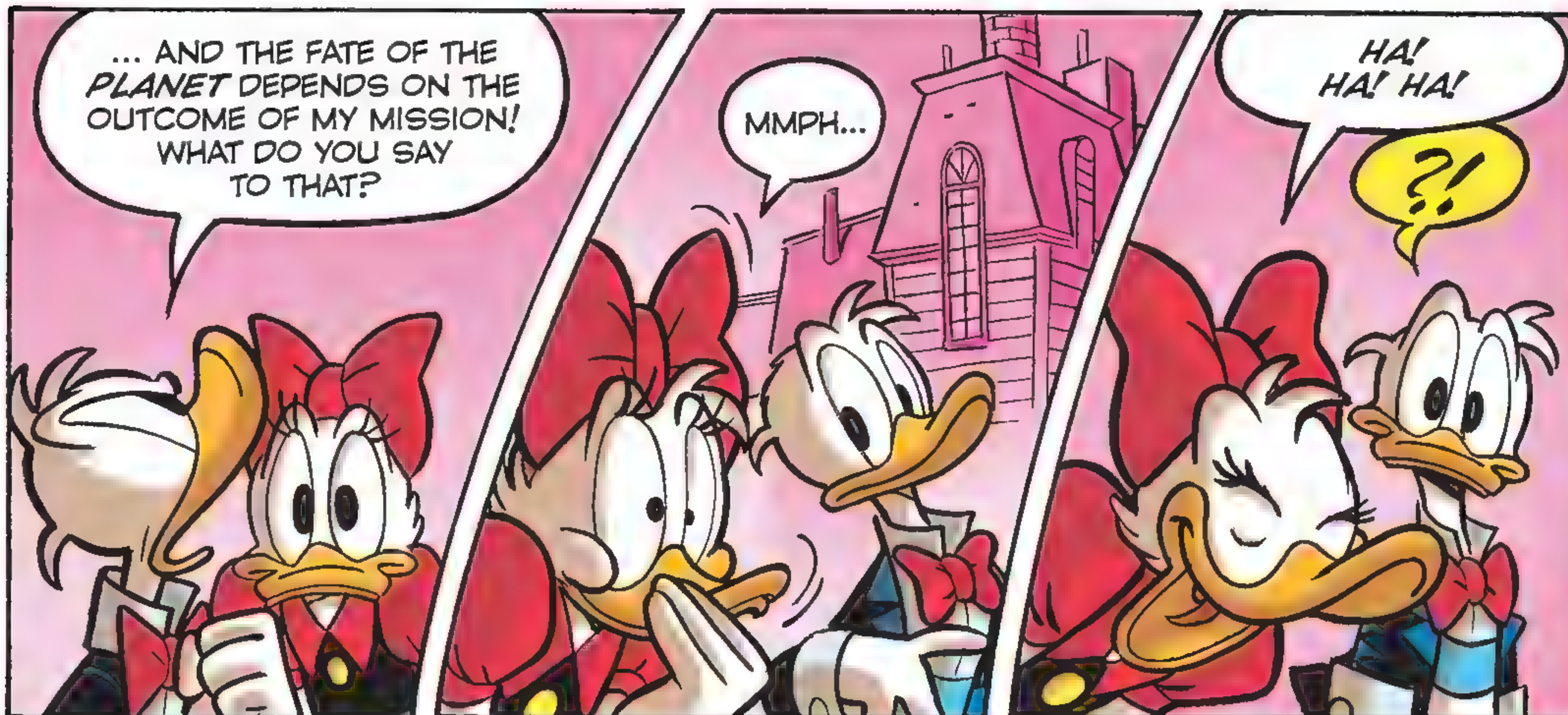
WITH **REDUCED**
SPEED AND **MINI-**
MUM ENGINE POWER,
I SHOULD BE ABLE
TO MAKE IT!







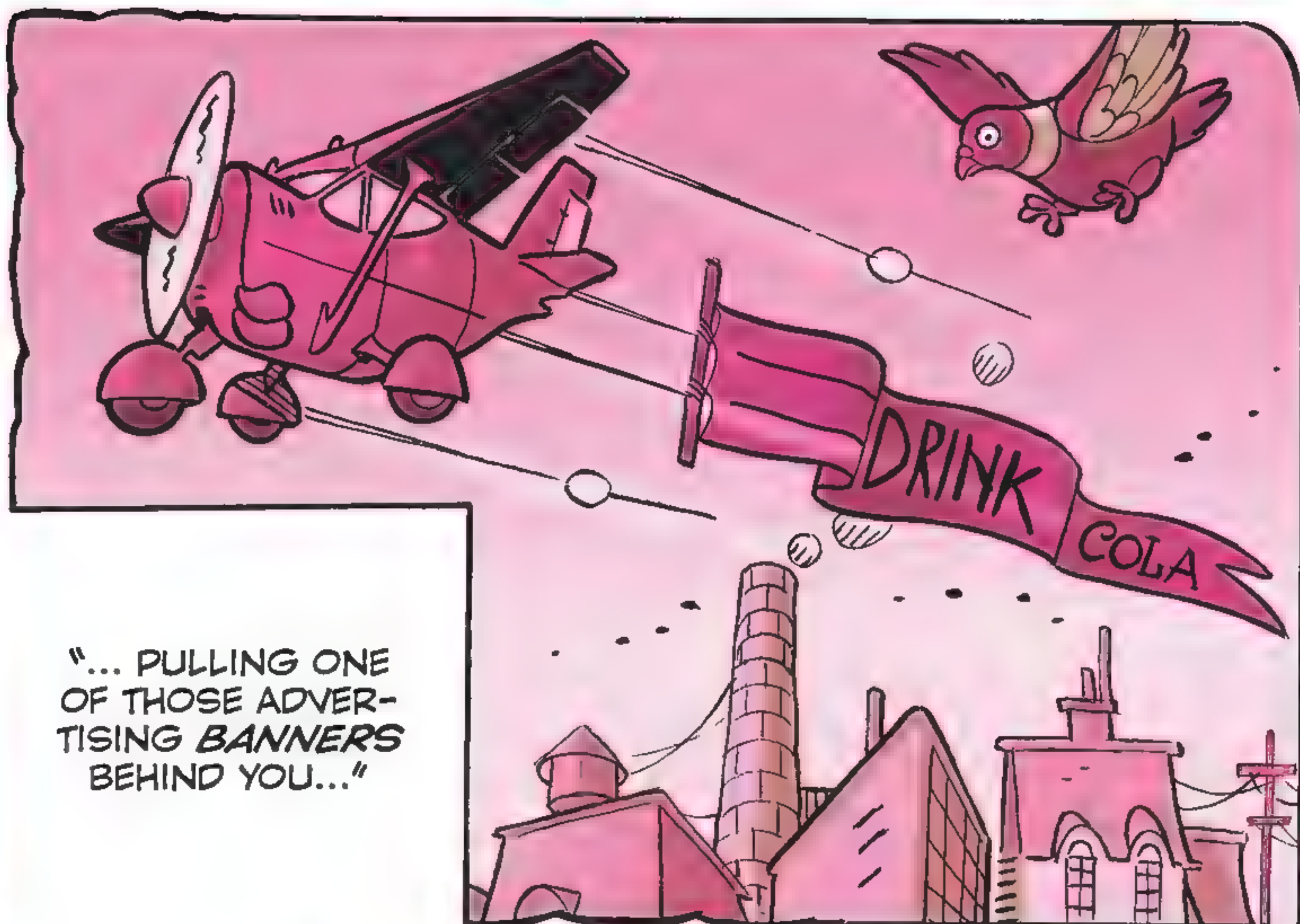




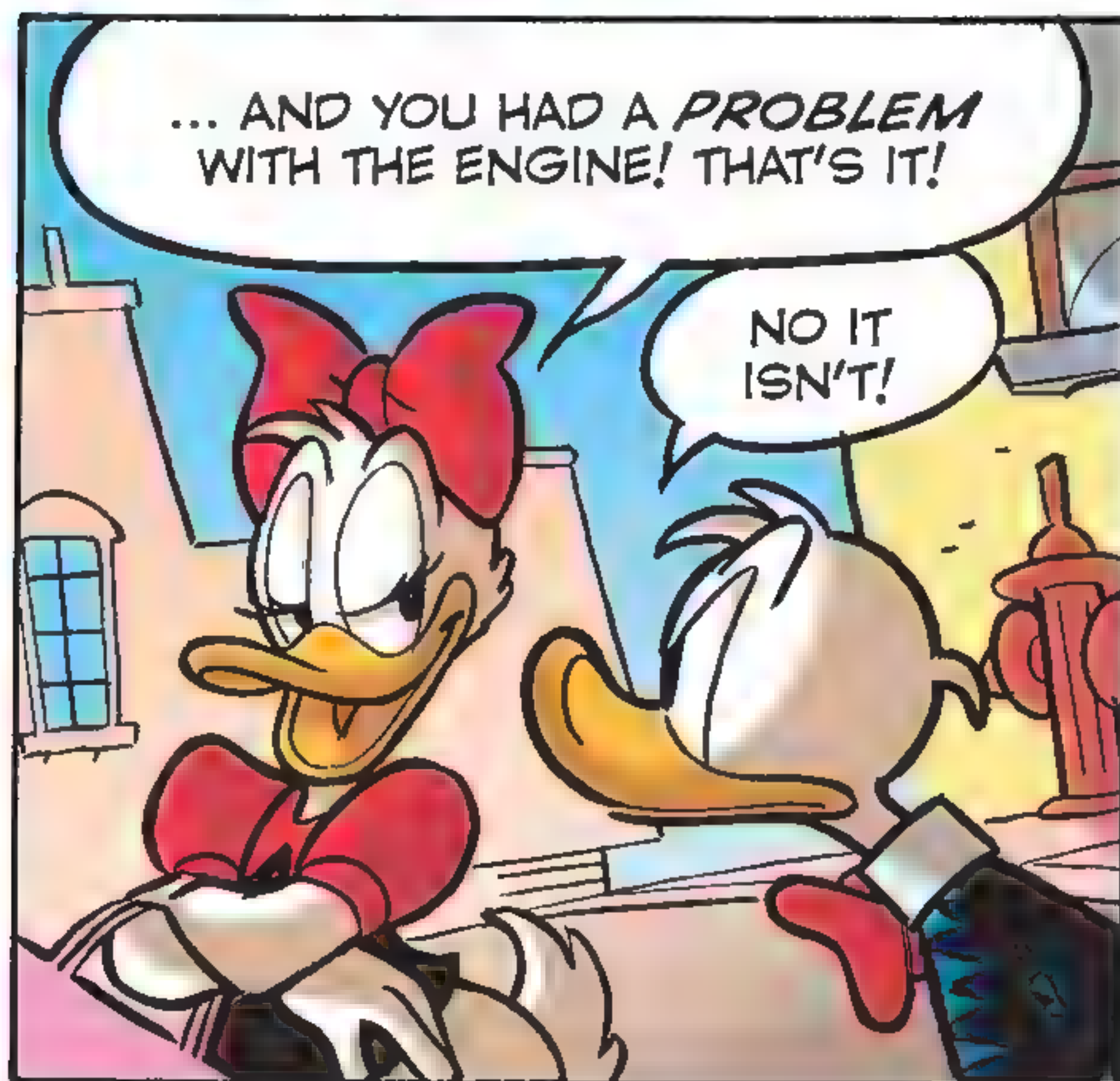
NOW THAT I THINK
OF IT, THE *ANSWER*
IS OBVIOUS! YOU WERE
FLYING THE PLANE...



"... PULLING ONE
OF THOSE ADVER-
TISING *BANNERS*
BEHIND YOU..."

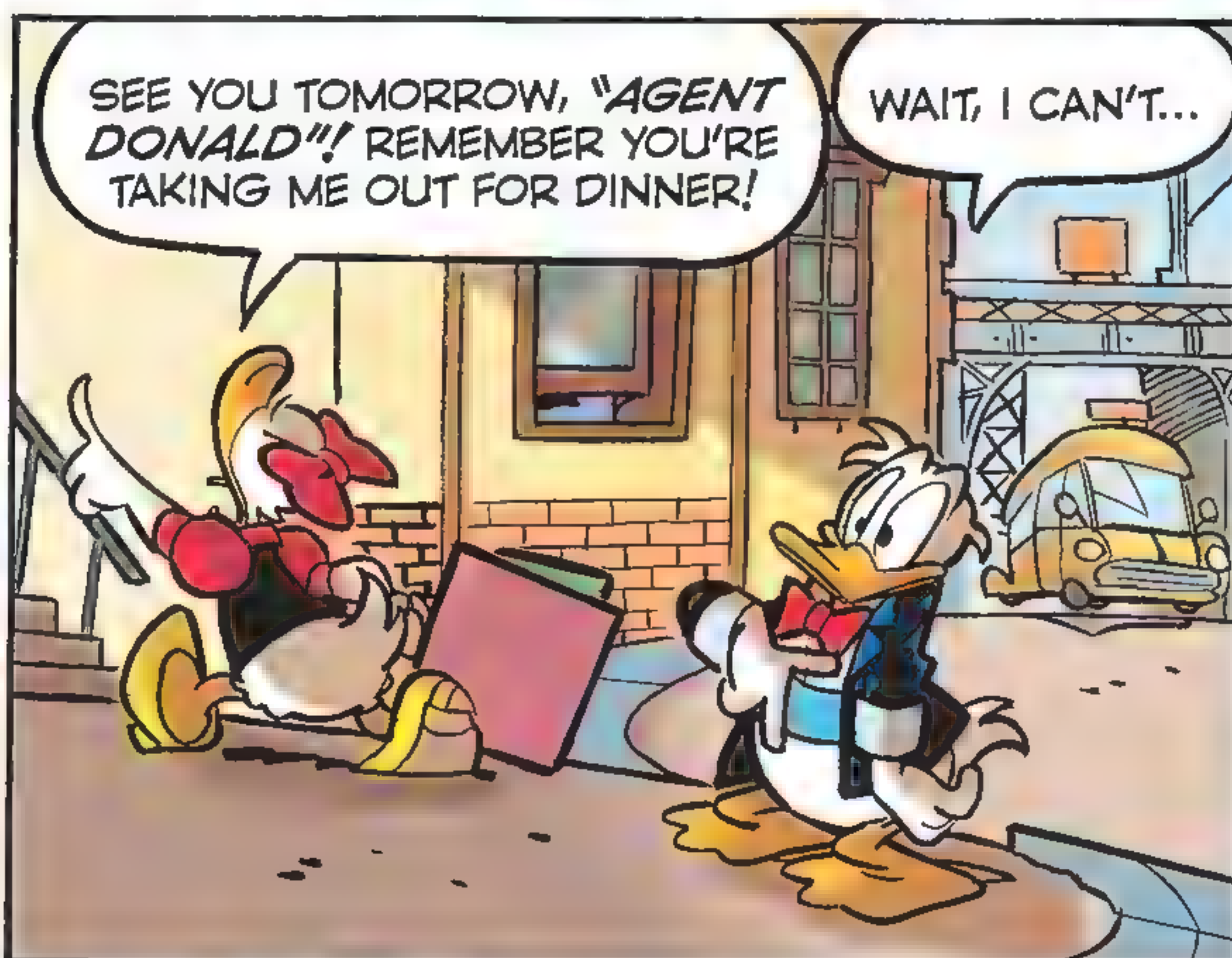


... AND YOU HAD A *PROBLEM*
WITH THE ENGINE! THAT'S IT!



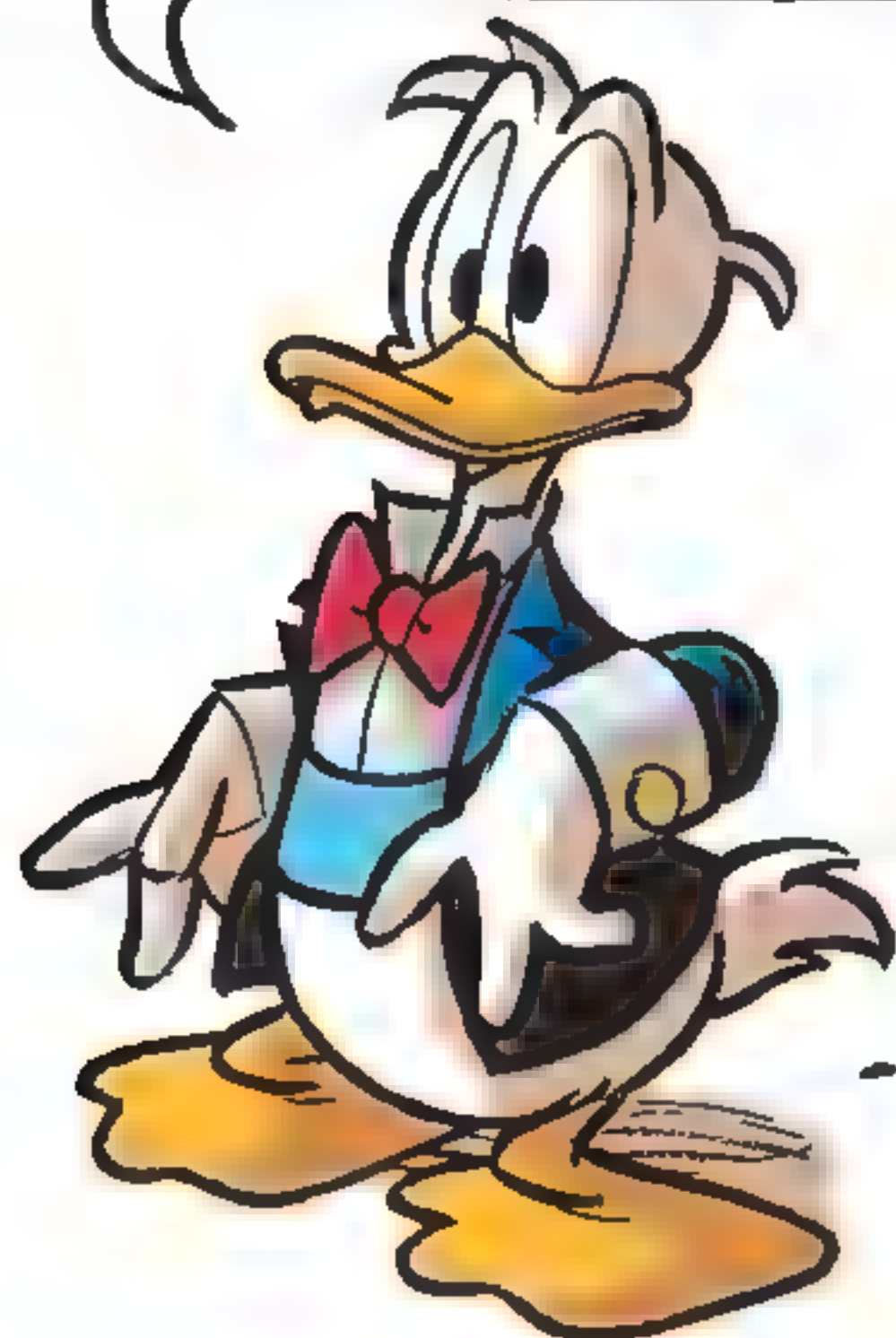
NO IT
ISN'T!

SEE YOU TOMORROW, "*AGENT
DONALD*"! REMEMBER YOU'RE
TAKING ME OUT FOR DINNER!

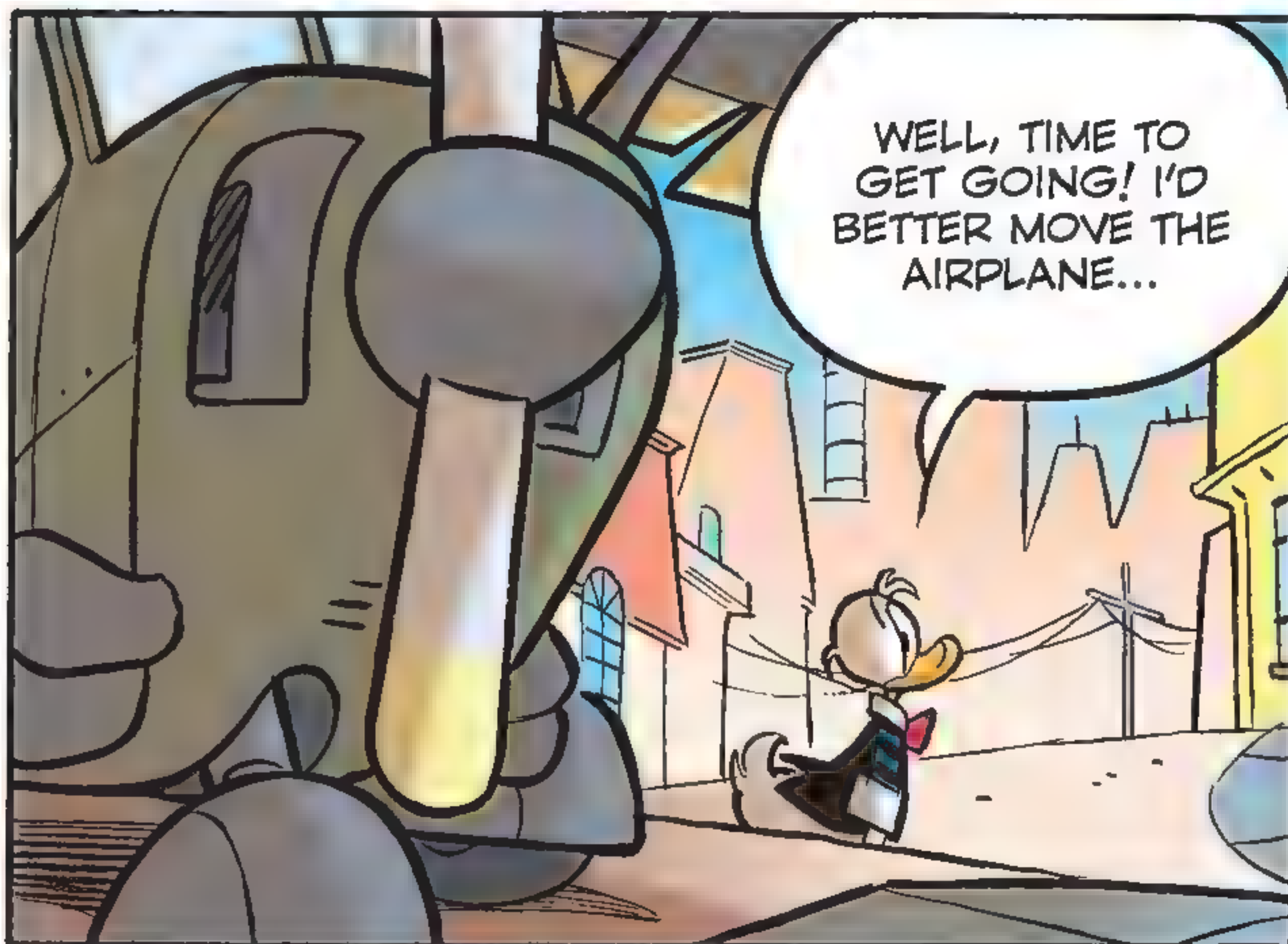


WAIT, I CAN'T...

IT'S INCREDIBLE! I'M NOT
EVEN BELIEVED WHEN I TELL
THE *TRUTH*!



WELL, TIME TO
GET GOING! I'D
BETTER MOVE THE
AIRPLANE...



"... AND
REPORT TO
MISTER JAY J!"

SO YOU
LEFT THE MOCK-UP WITH
THE SCIENTISTS AT THE
ARCTIC STATION?

YES, IN
EXCHANGE FOR
THE PLANE I USED
TO SEARCH THE
OCEAN!

UNFOR-
TUNATELY, I
DIDN'T FIND
ANYTHING!

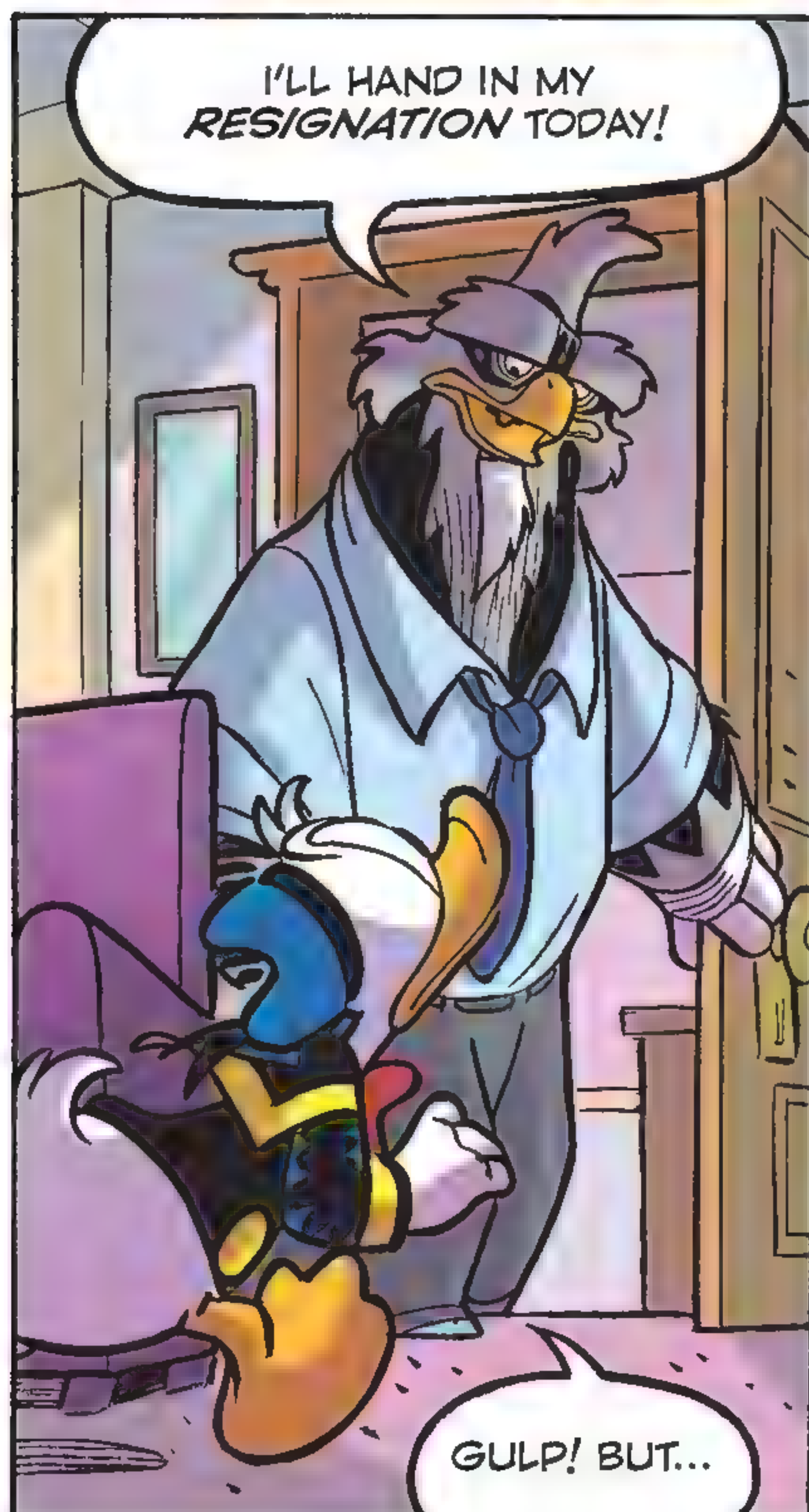
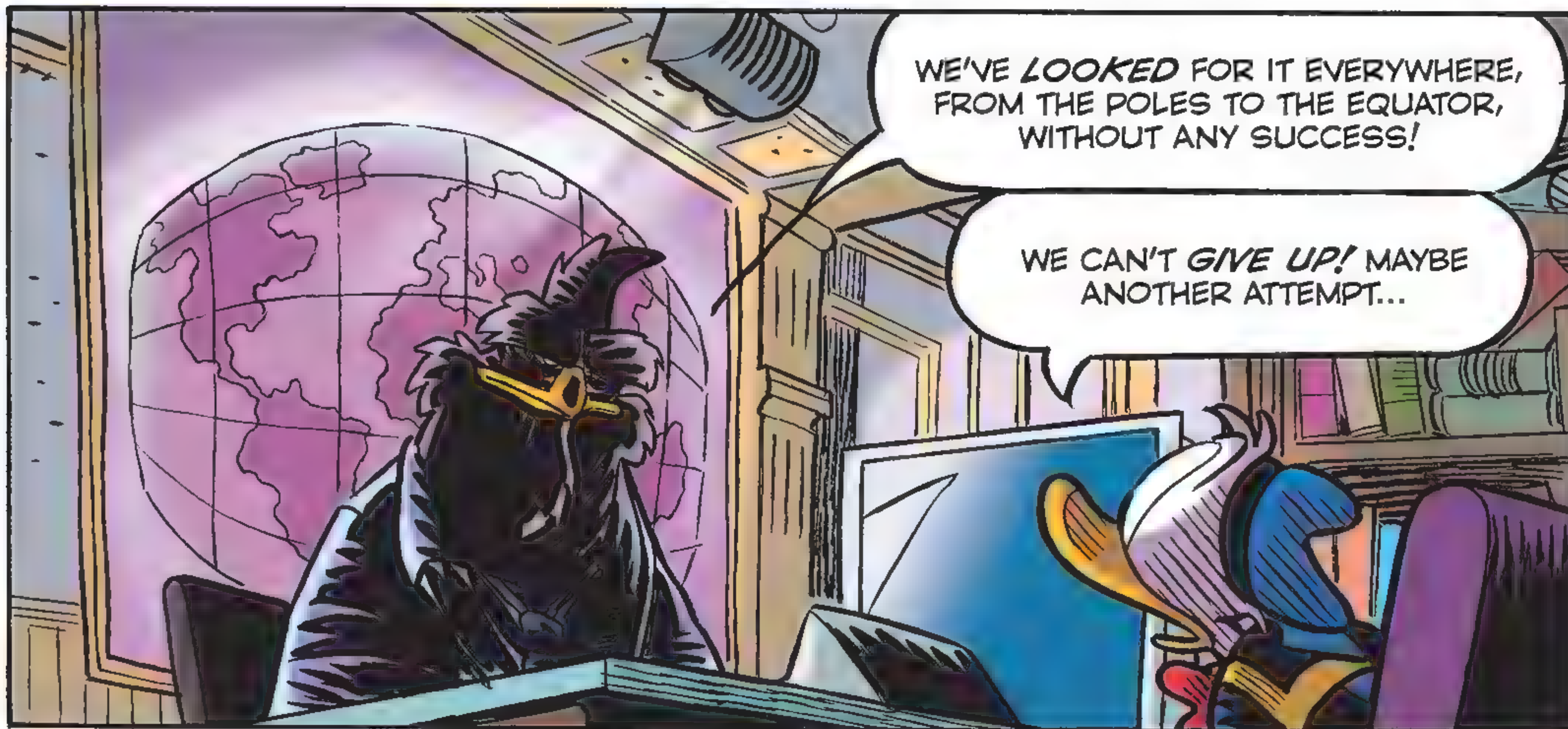
DON'T WORRY! THE
PROBABILITY OF SPOTTING
THE BATHYSCAPHE WAS
CLOSE TO ZERO!

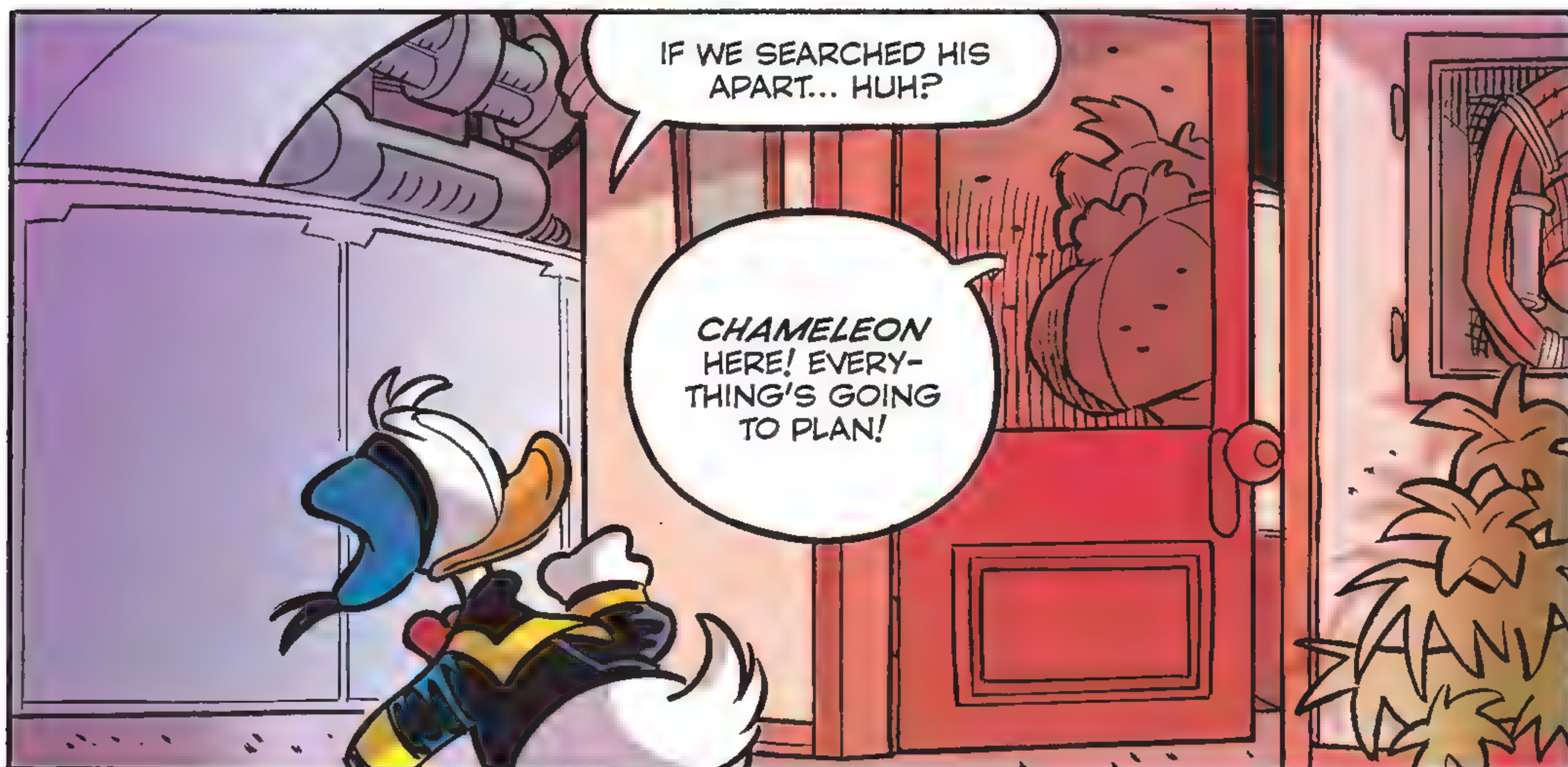
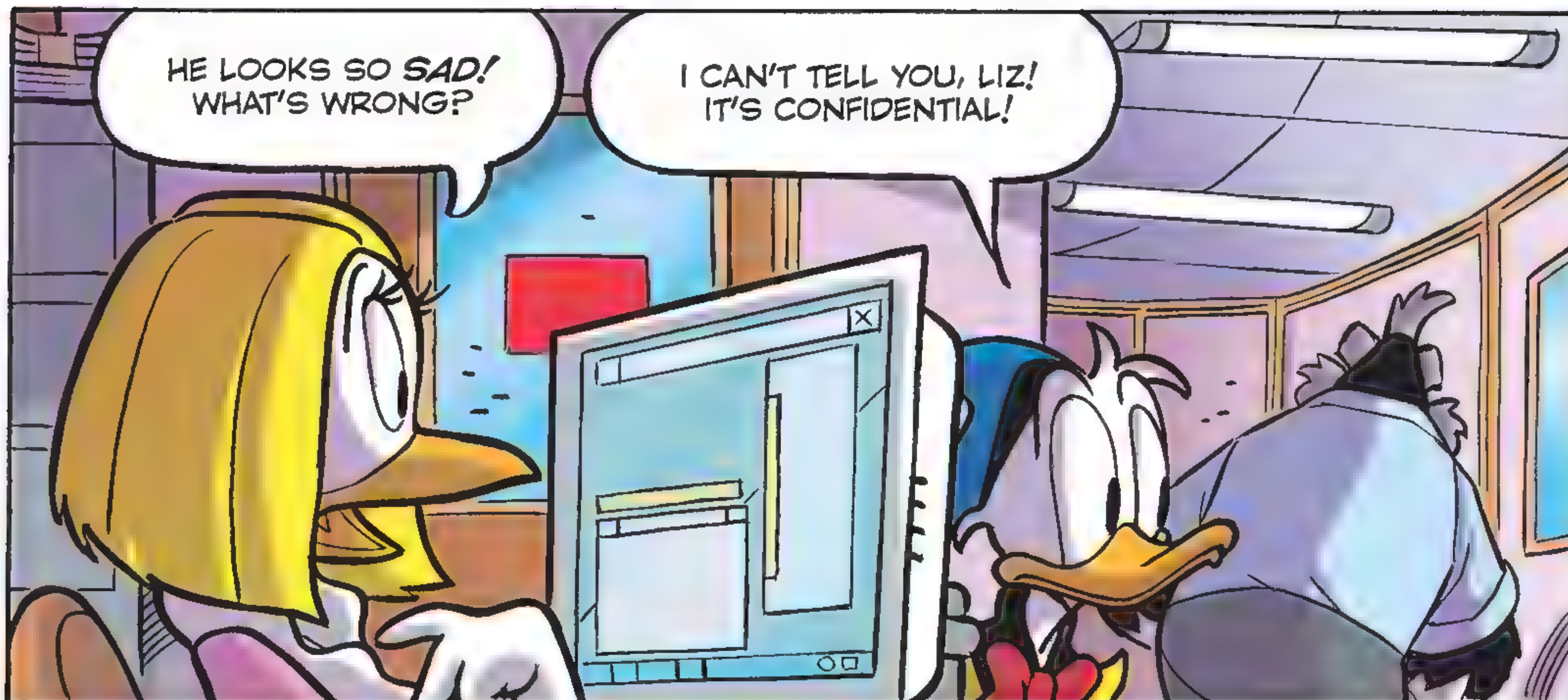
WE HAVE TO
ACCEPT THAT WHITE
DEEP IS IRRETRIEV-
ABLY LOST!

BY NOW IT WILL HAVE ALREADY REACHED
THE ORGANIZATION'S *SECRET BASE*!

JUST A
MINUTE! WE
COULD ALWAYS
FIND OUT WHERE
THIS BASE IS,
RIGHT?

TSK! WE'VE BEEN
TRYING FOR *YEARS*!



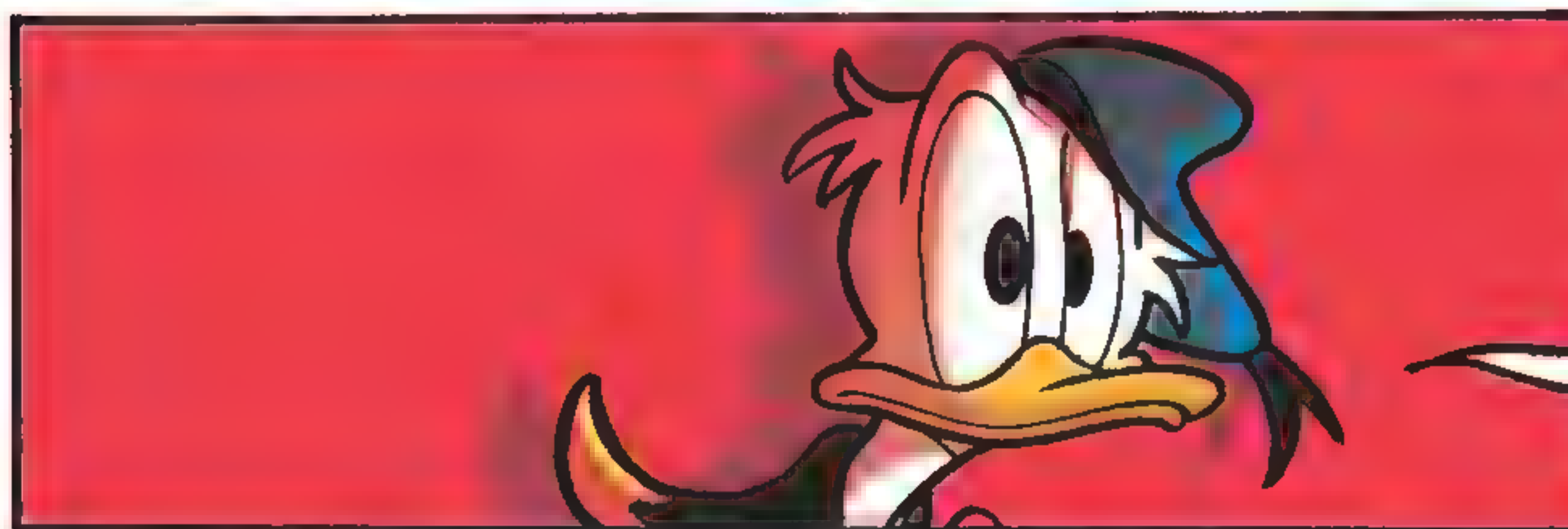




NOW THAT YOU
HAVE WHITE DEEP, YOU
HAVE TO *HAND* OVER
WHAT WE AGREED!



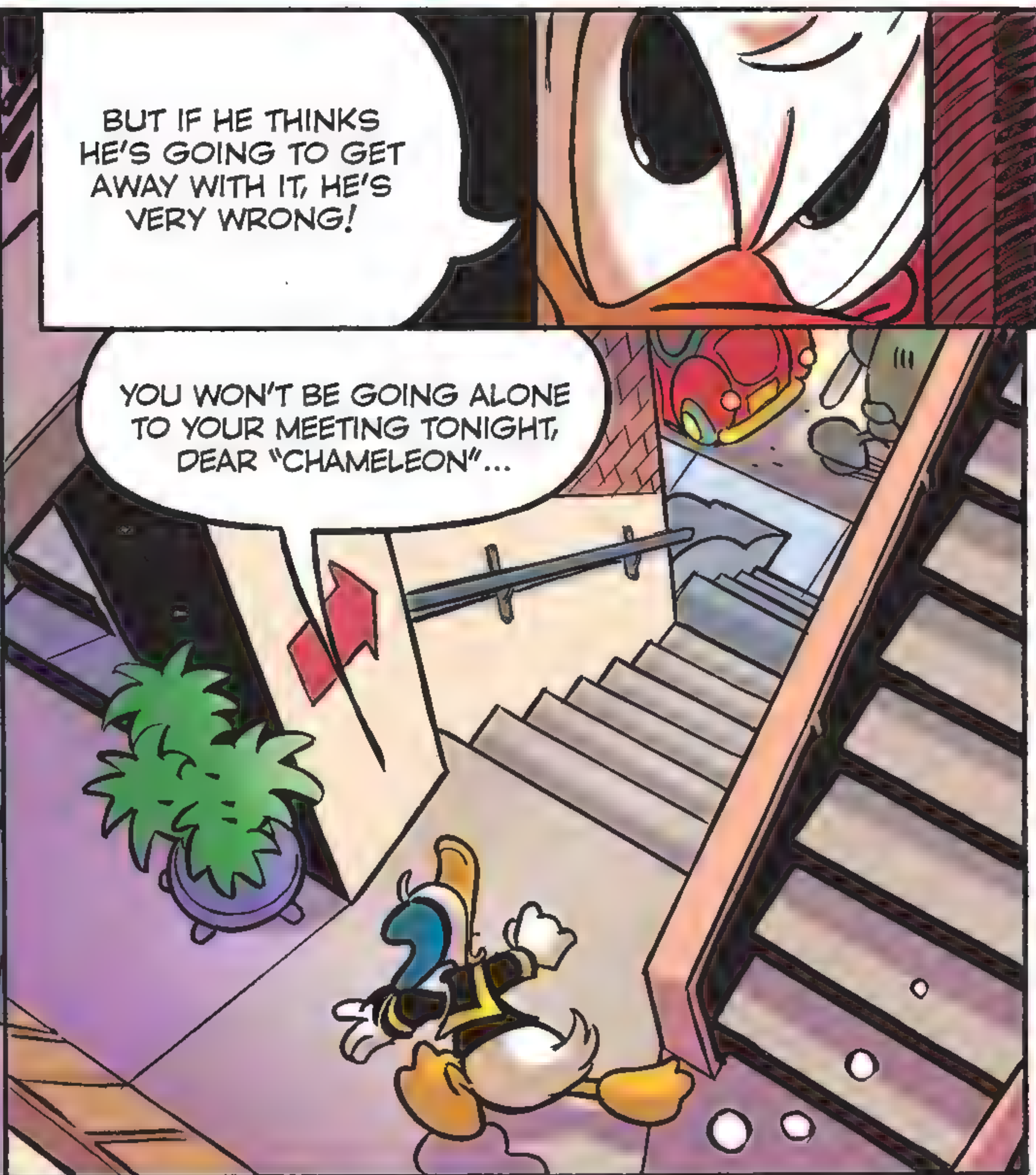
MEANING: *DELIVERY* AT
MIDNIGHT IN THE PARKING LOT
OF DUCKTON CENTER!



SO MISTER JAY J
REALLY IS A TRAITOR!



WHAT A *CROOK*!
AND I EVEN FELT
SORRY FOR HIM!

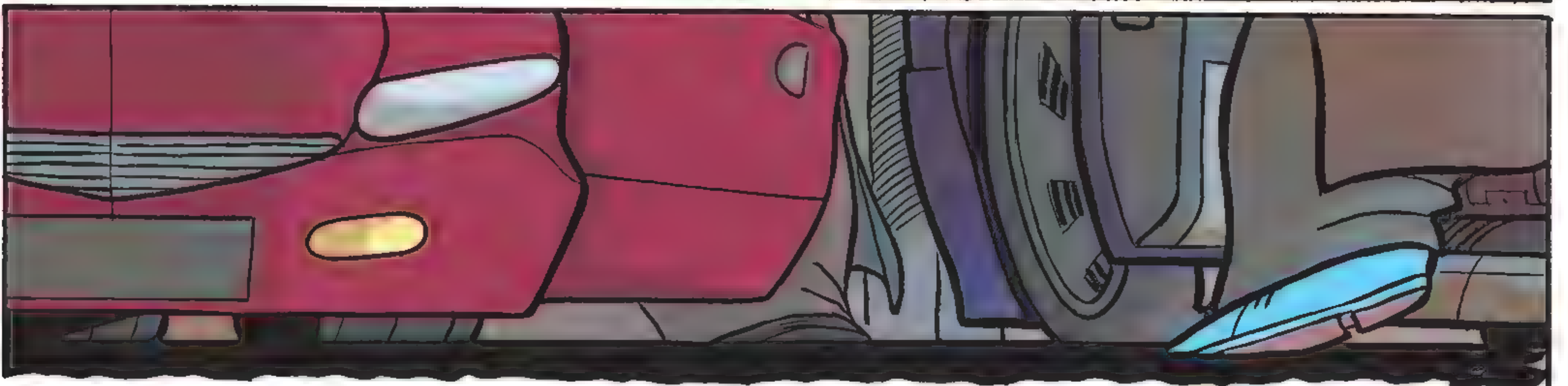
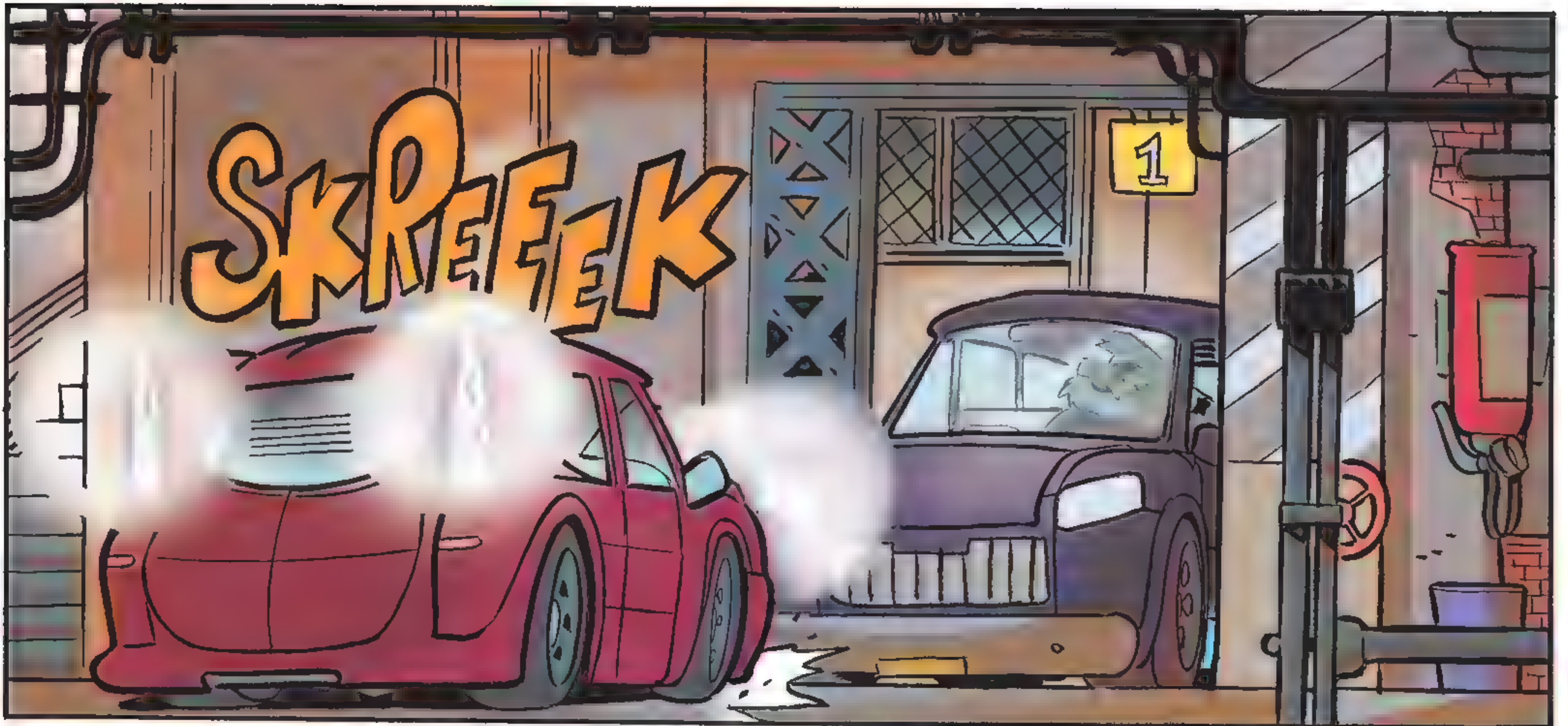


BUT IF HE THINKS
HE'S GOING TO GET
AWAY WITH IT, HE'S
VERY WRONG!

YOU WON'T BE GOING ALONE
TO YOUR MEETING TONIGHT,
DEAR "CHAMELEON"...

"DOUBLE-
DUCK WILL BE
THERE TOO!"







THIS IS THE ADVANCE PAYMENT
FOR YOUR FUTURE PENSION!

OPEN IT! NOT THAT
I DON'T TRUST YOU,
OF COURSE!



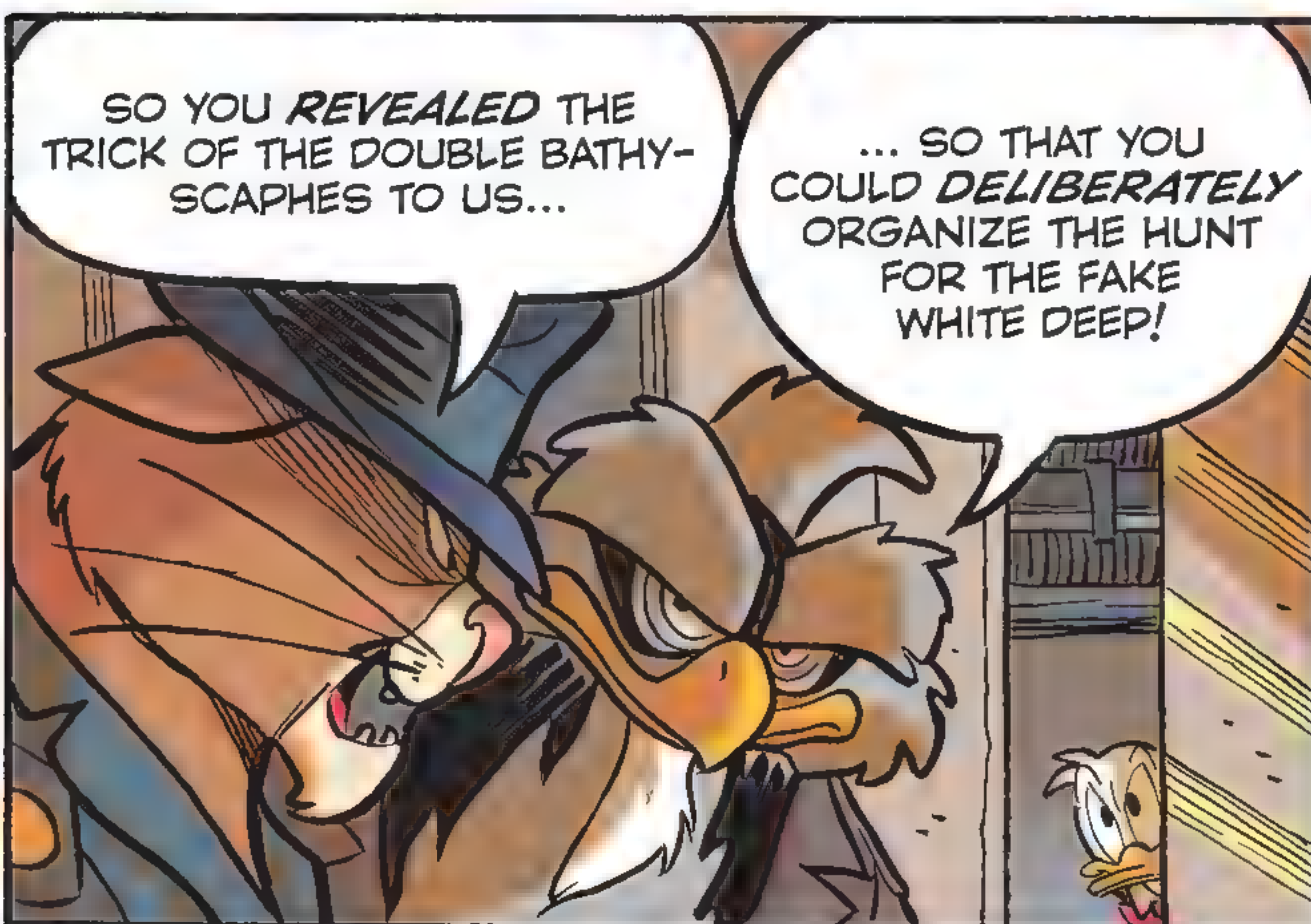
TEN MILLION
DOLLARS, AS
AGREED!

VERY GOOD!



*PRETENDING TO BE
CORRUPT THEN ACTUALLY
BEING CORRUPT... YOU'RE
REALLY A SLY OLD
FOX, JAY J!*

I HAD TO DIVERT
ALL SUSPICION FROM
MYSELF! *HIDING* THE
TRUTH IN FALSEHOOD
WAS THE BEST SYSTEM!

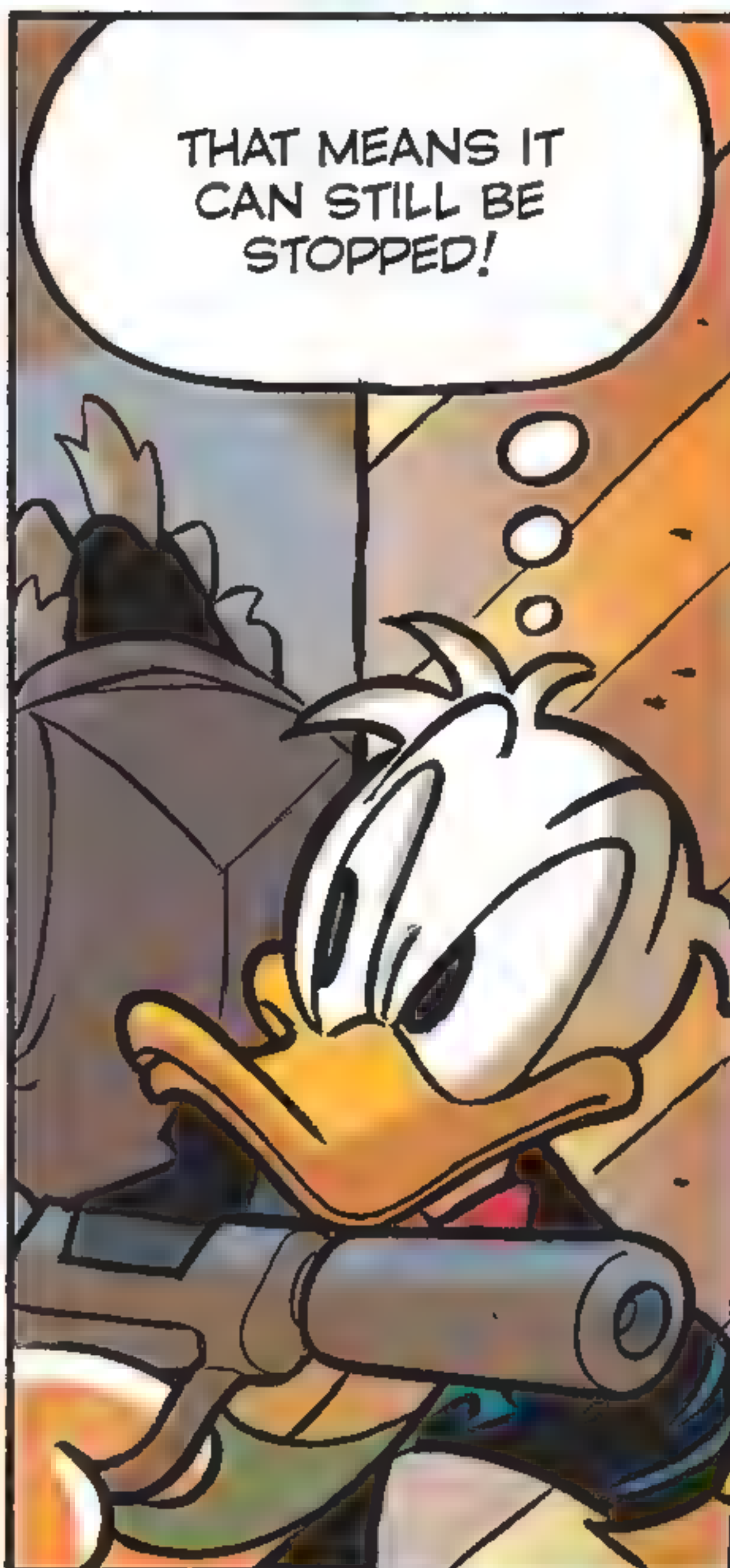
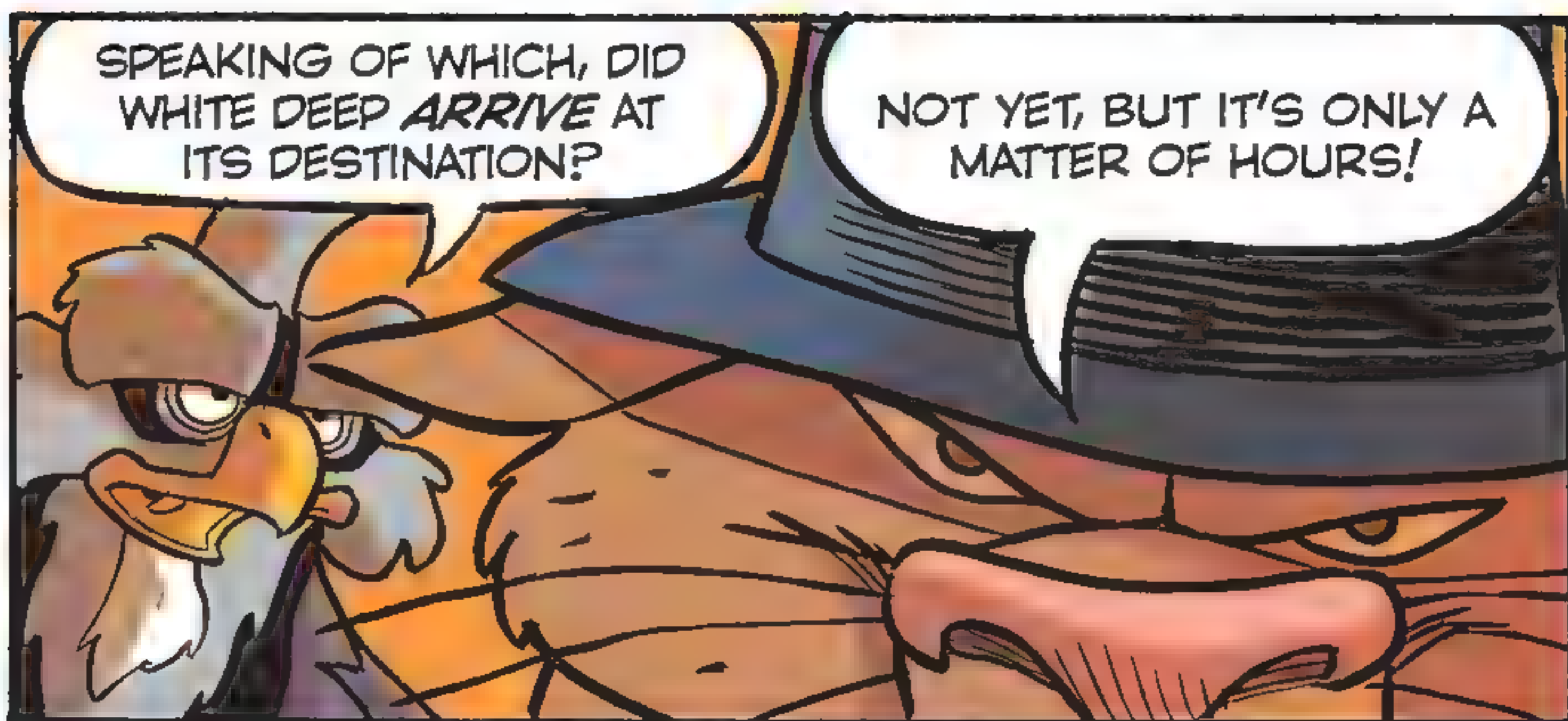


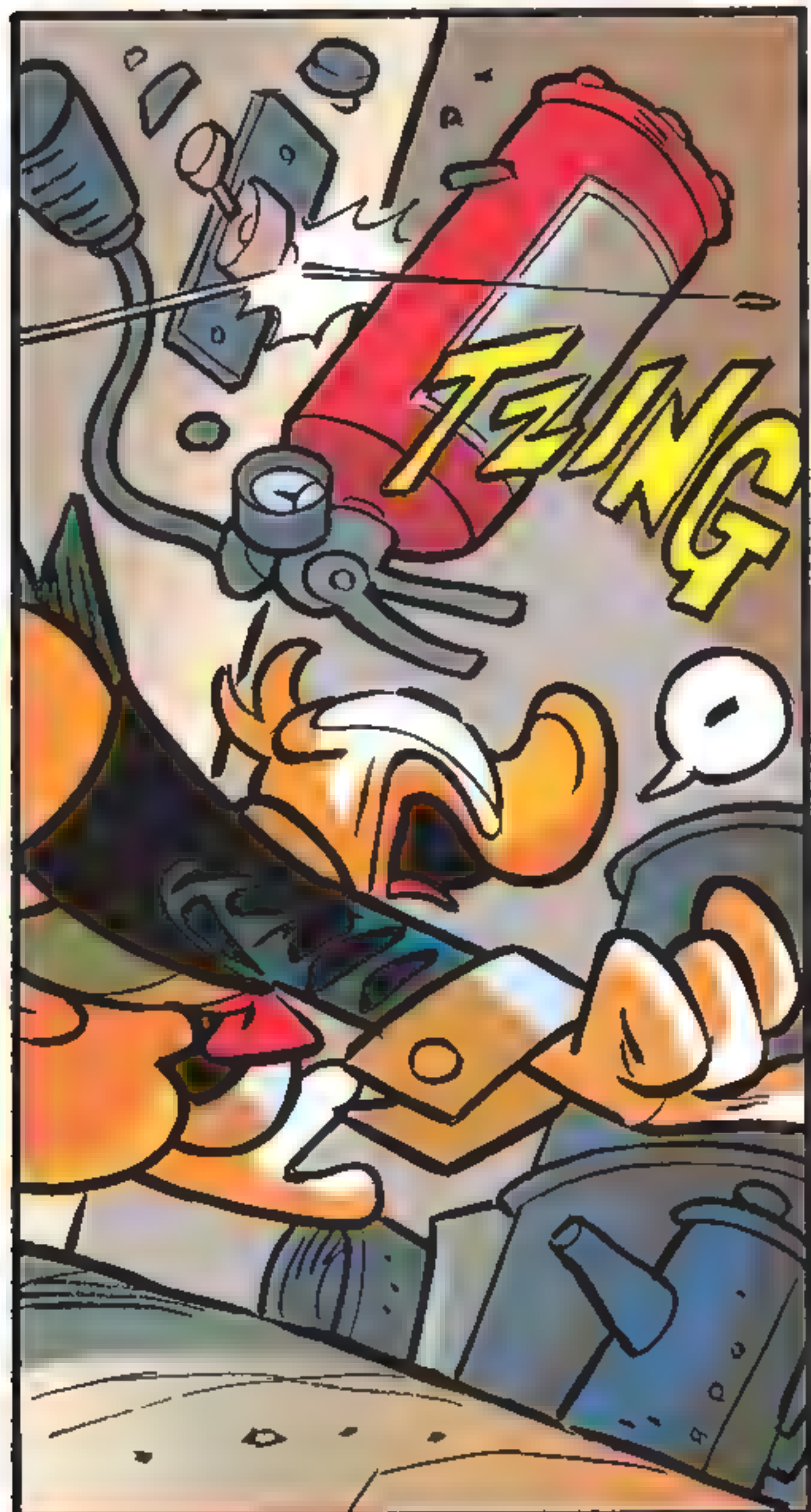
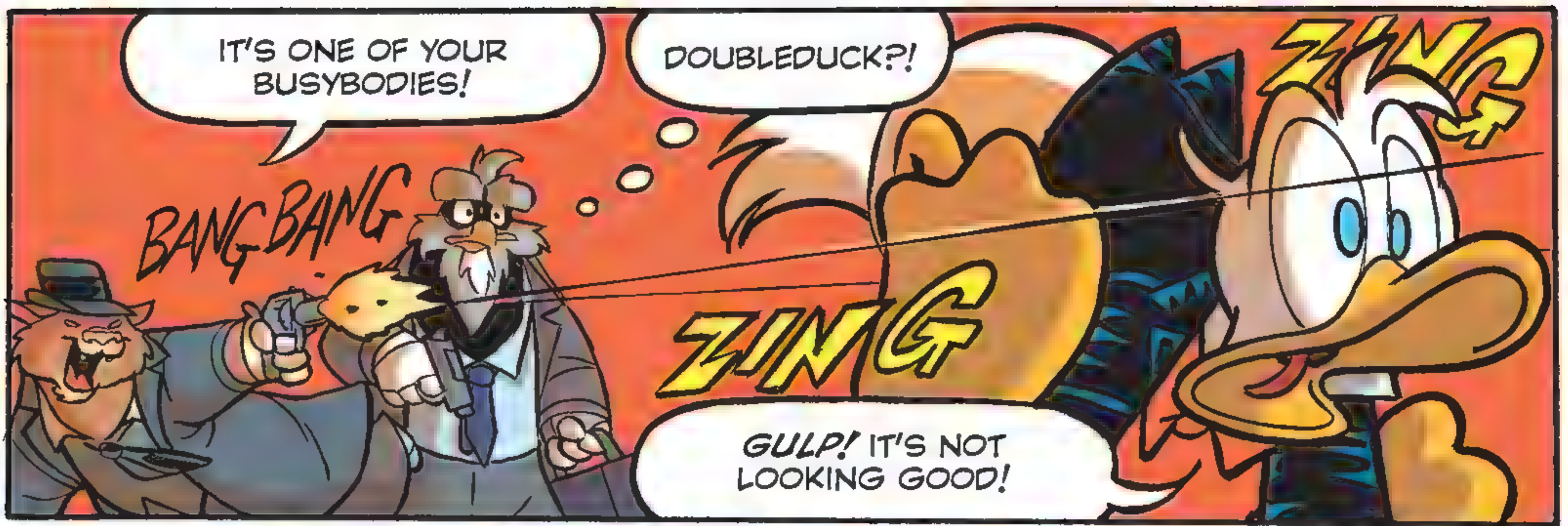
SO YOU *REVEALED* THE
TRICK OF THE DOUBLE BATHY-
SCAPHERS TO US...

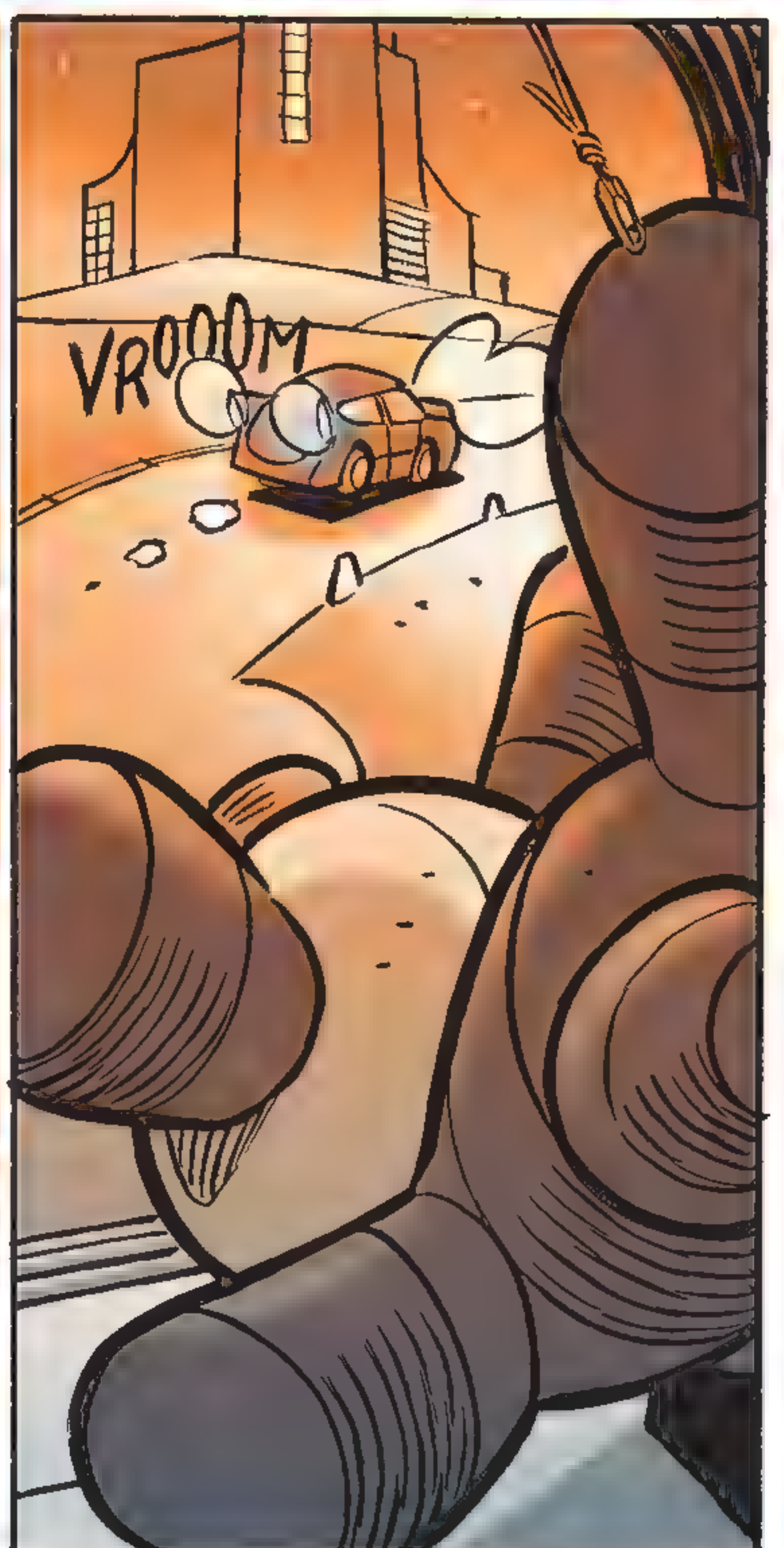
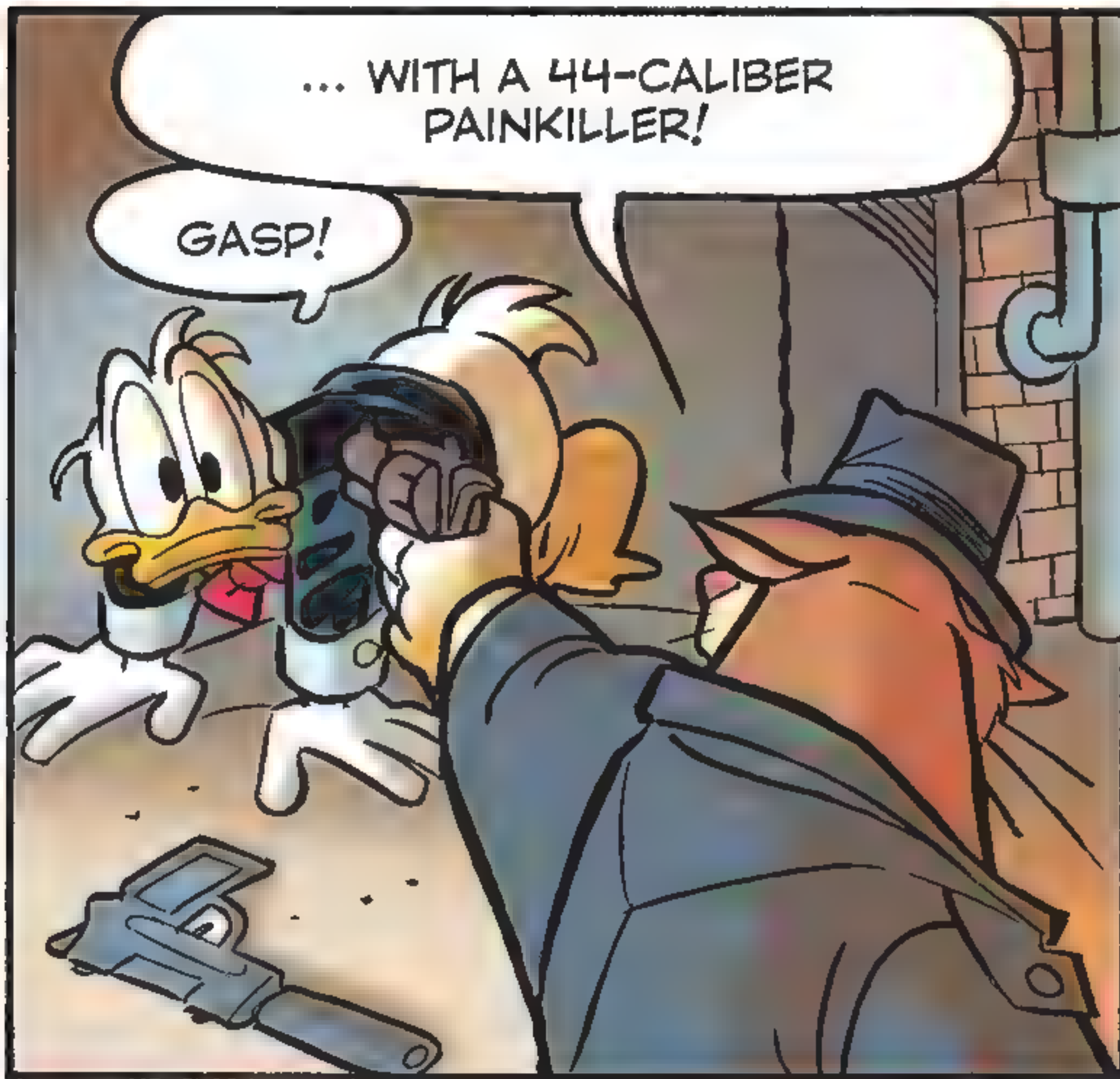
... SO THAT YOU
COULD *DELIBERATELY*
ORGANIZE THE HUNT
FOR THE FAKE
WHITE DEEP!

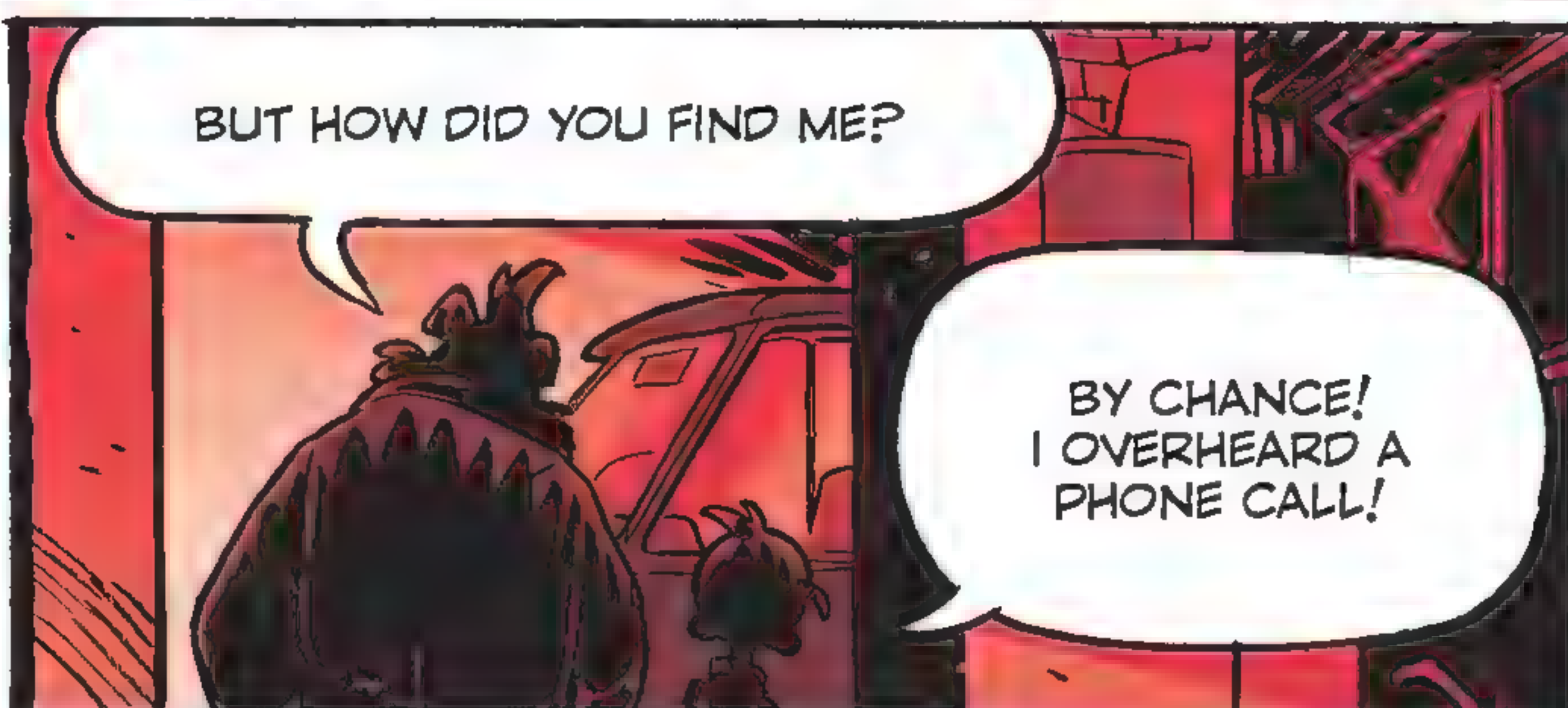
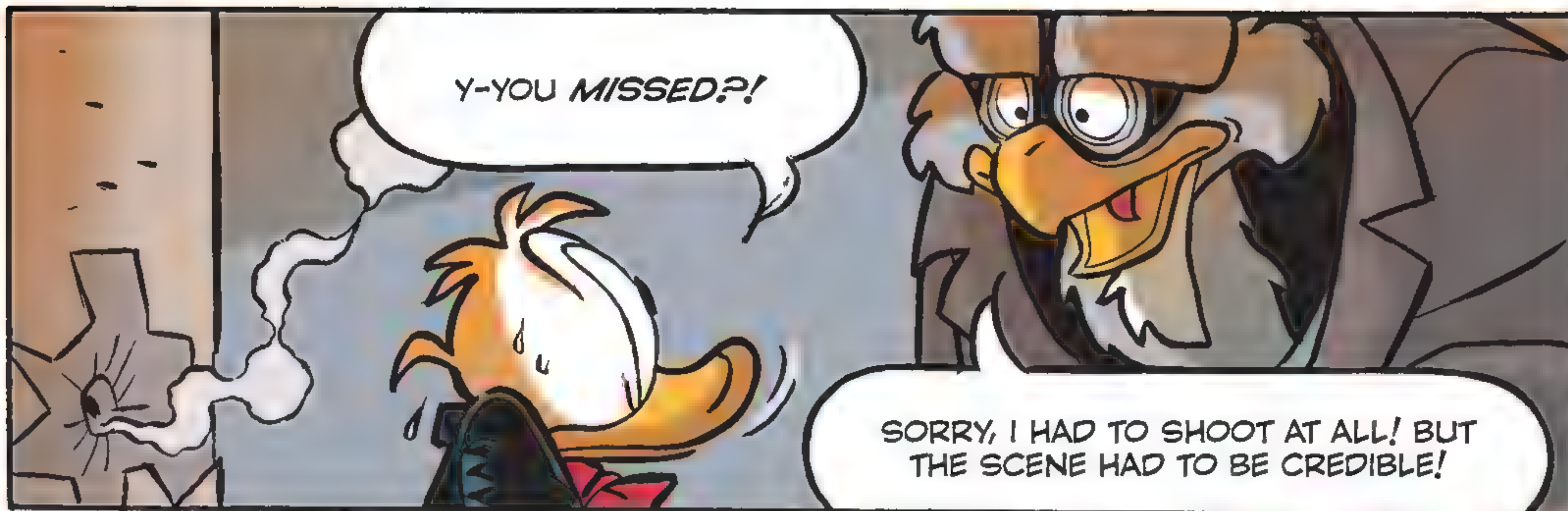


BUT ITS ACTUAL PURPOSE
WAS TO *COVER* THE THEFT
OF THE REAL ONE!









"... AT THE AGENCY HEADQUARTERS!"

YOU *LEFT* FROM THIS TANK WITH THE FAKE WHITE DEEP, REMEMBER?

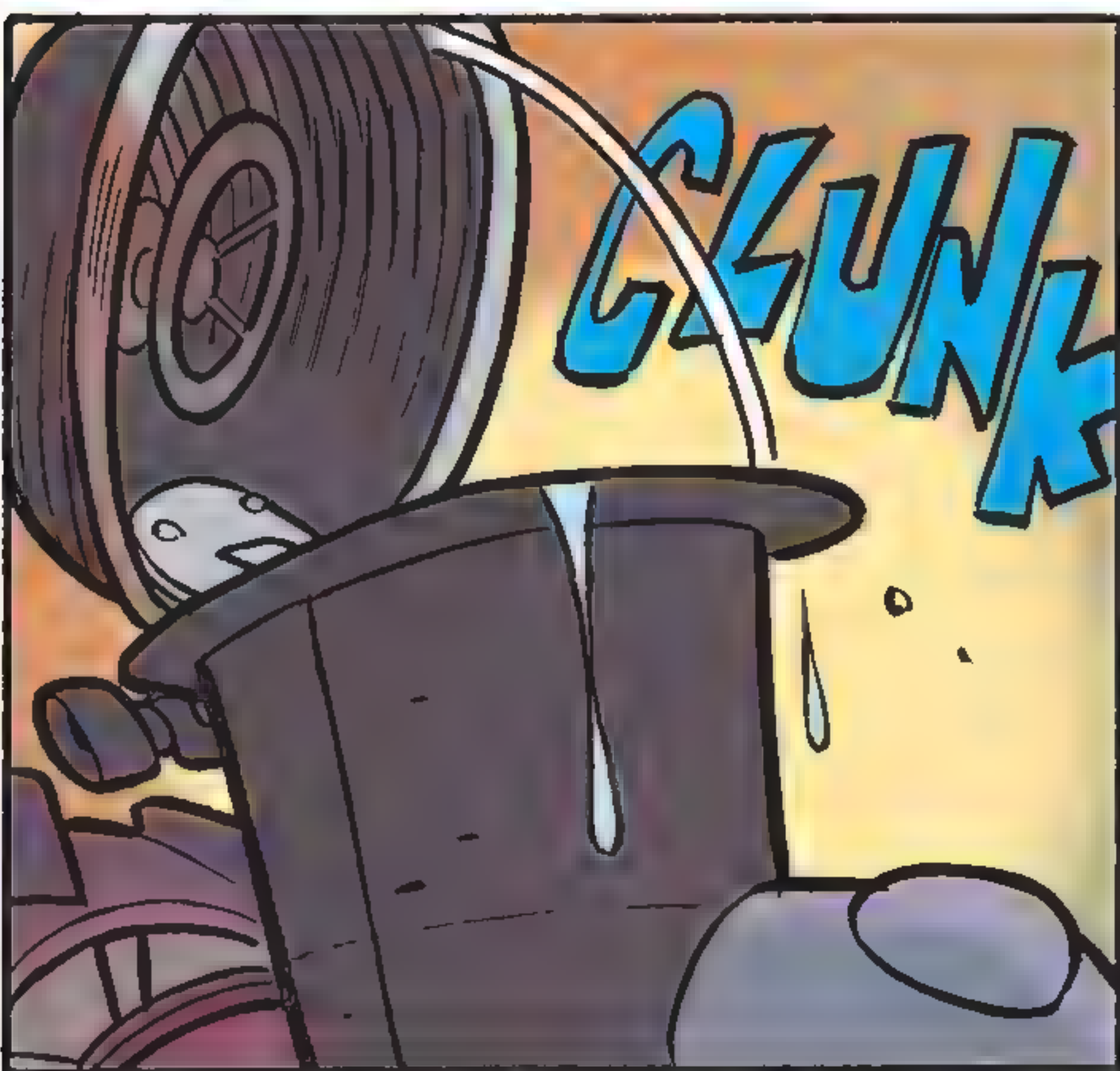
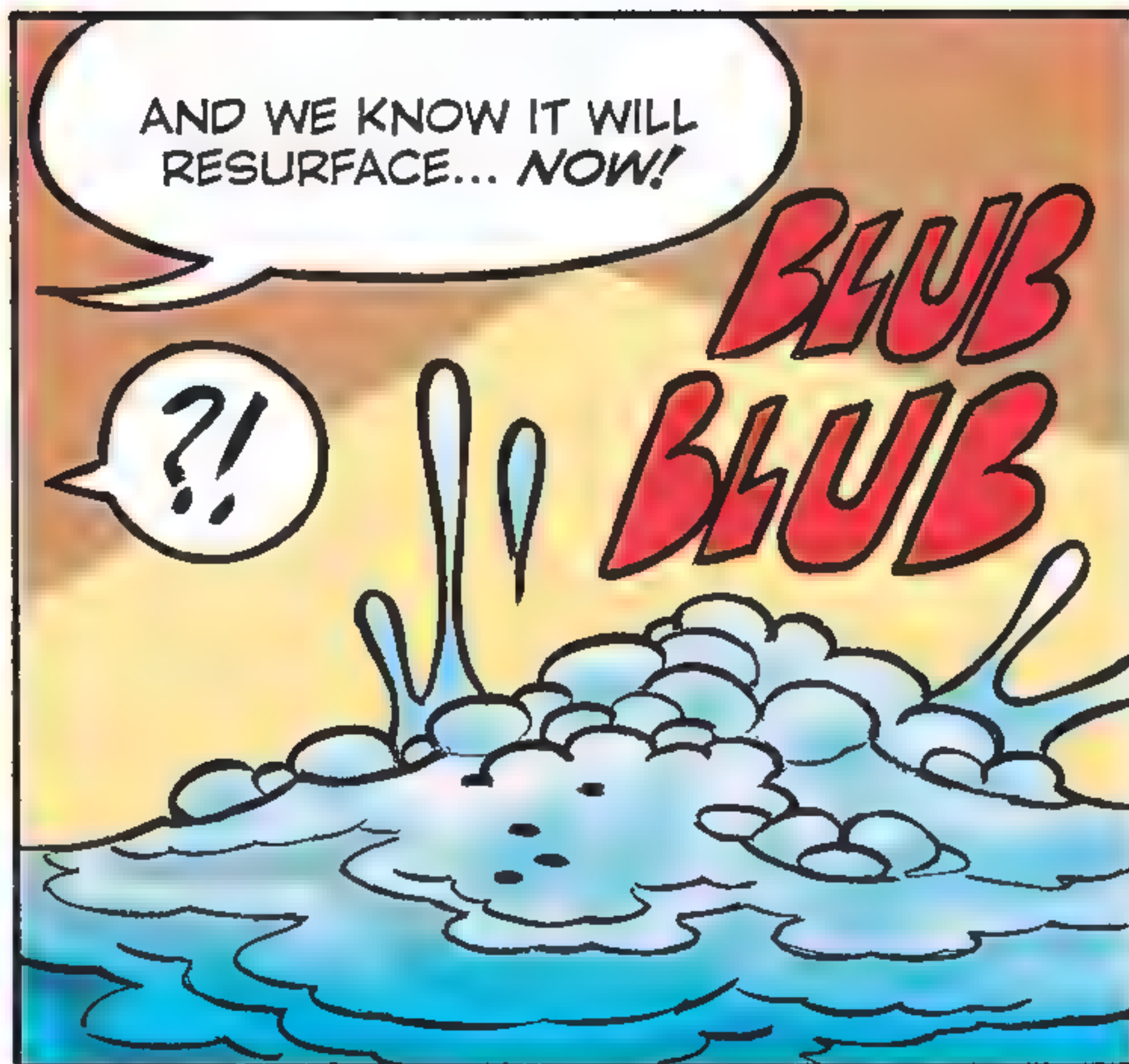
OF COURSE! AND FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, THE REAL ONE *ALSO* LEFT FROM HERE...

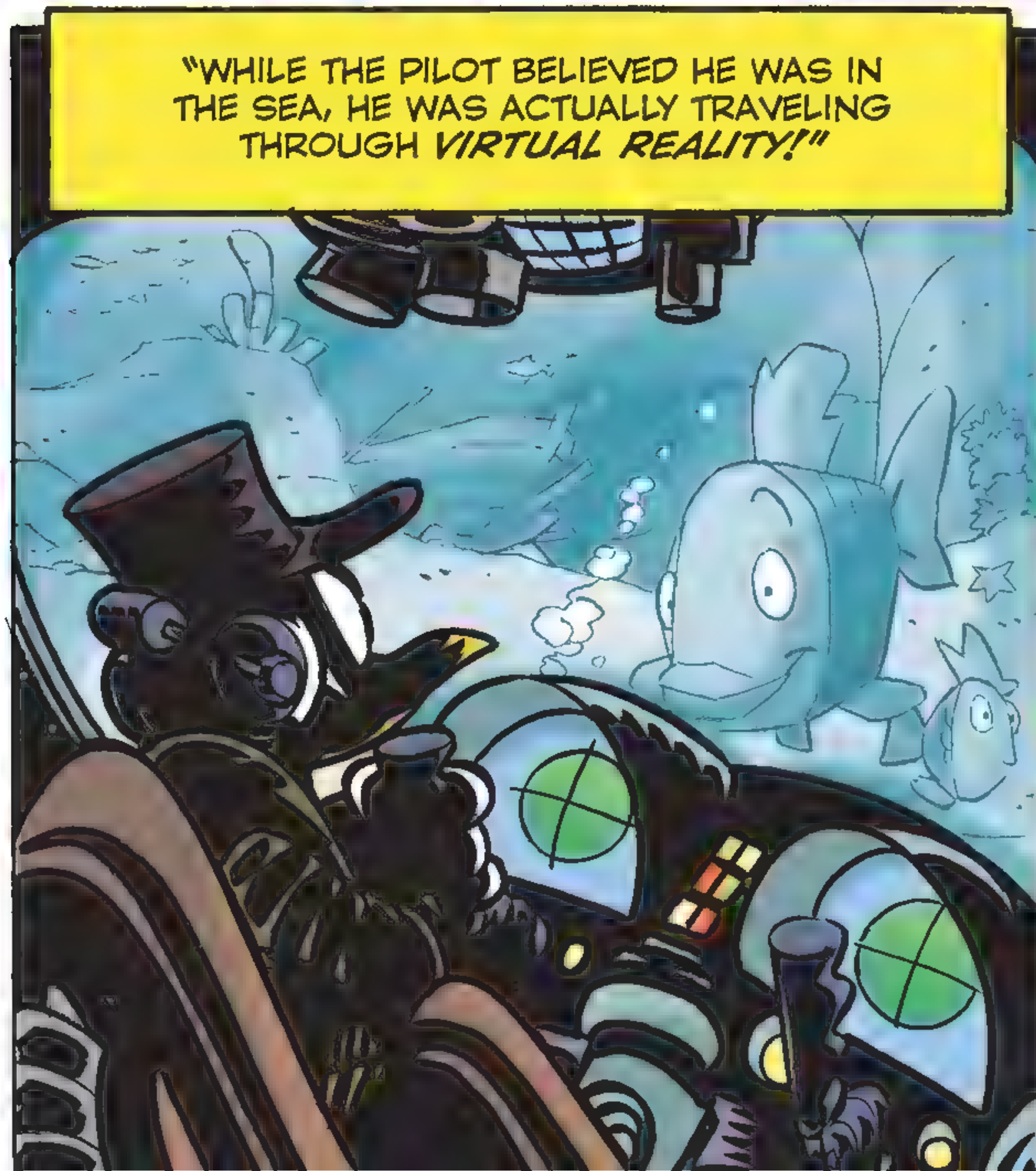
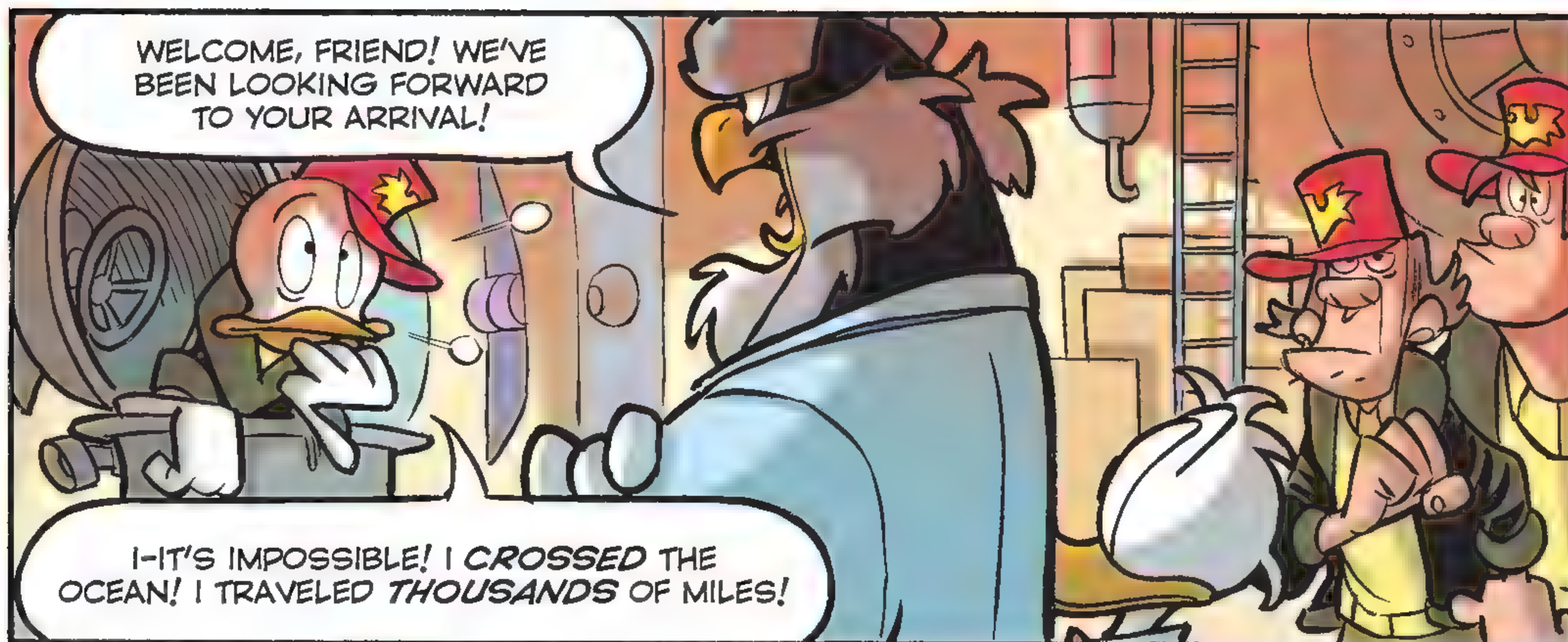
... PILOTED BY AN ORGANIZATION AGENT AND HEADING FOR THE MYSTERIOUS BASE!

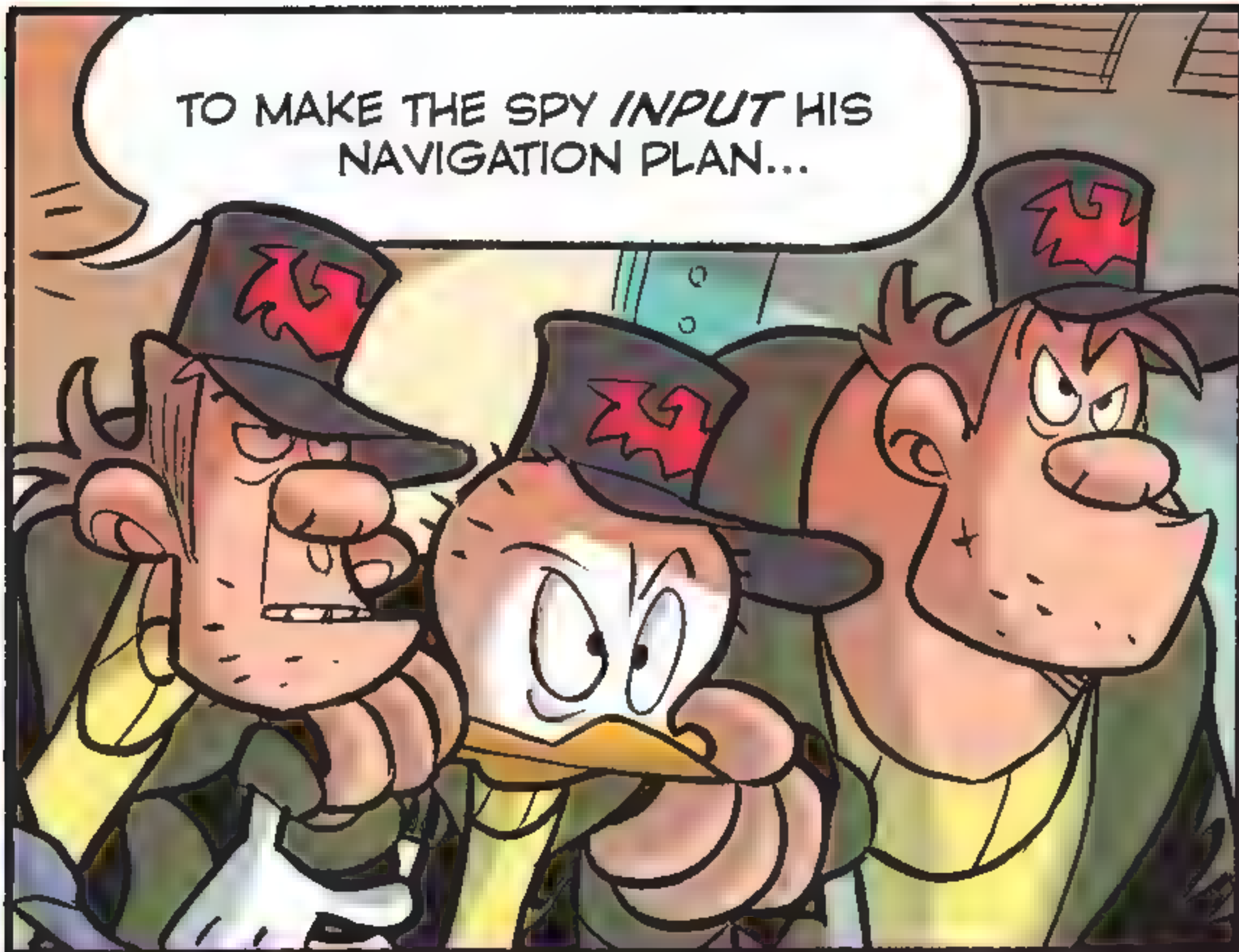
EXACTLY!

THE INSTRUMENTS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING HIM THE WHOLE WAY!

WHAAAT?!





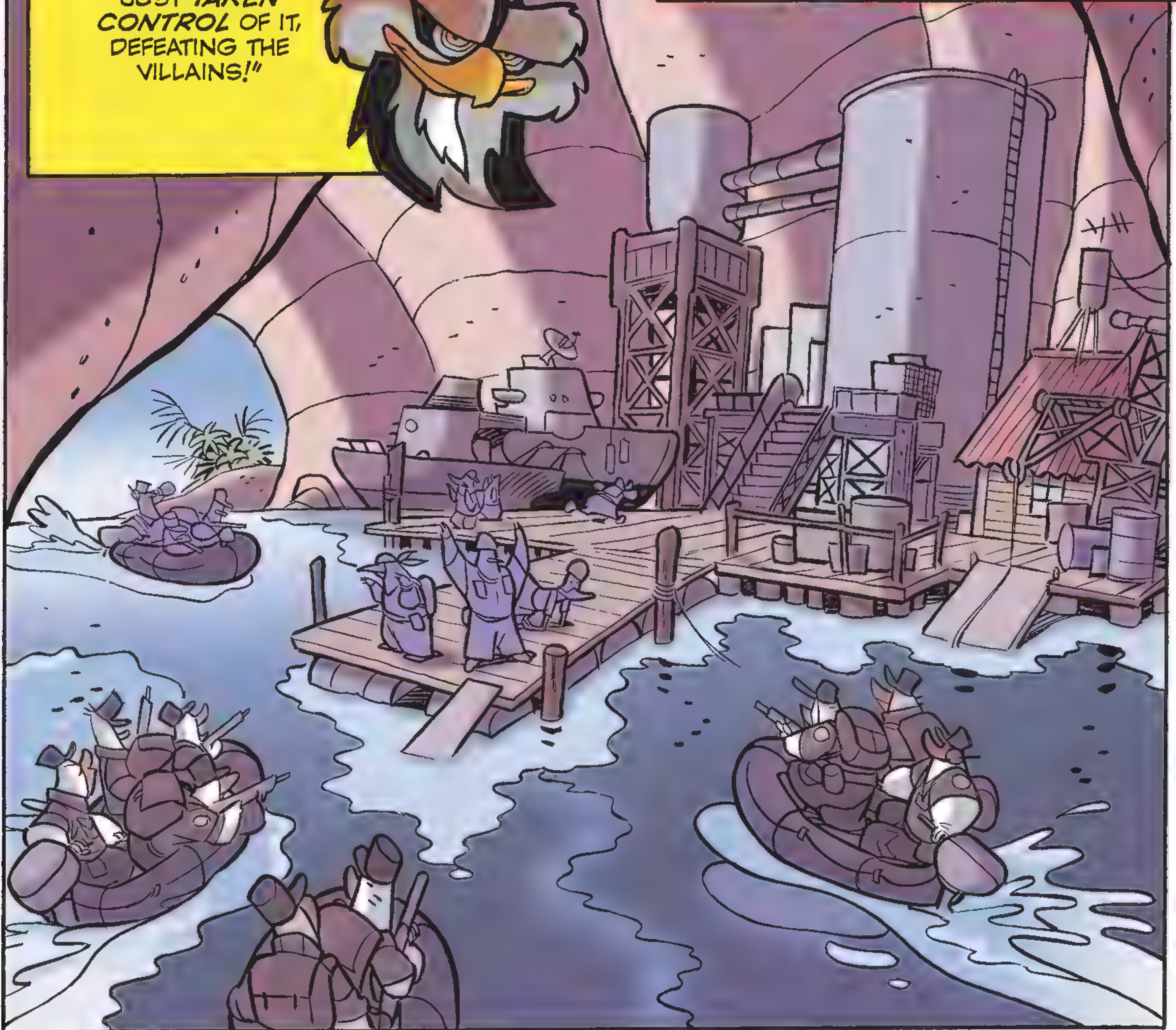


TO MAKE THE SPY *INPUT* HIS
NAVIGATION PLAN...



... *THUS LEADING*
US TO THE SECRET
BASE! WE'VE FINALLY
FOUND IT!

"OUR MEN HAVE
JUST *TAKEN*
CONTROL OF IT,
DEFEATING THE
VILLAINS!"





SO *THAT* WAS
THE OBJECTIVE!

RIGHT: *DEFEATING* THE
ORGANIZATION! THIS TIME
WE SUCCEEDED!



AND NOW MISSION
"THERMIC CORE" CAN
START FOR REAL!



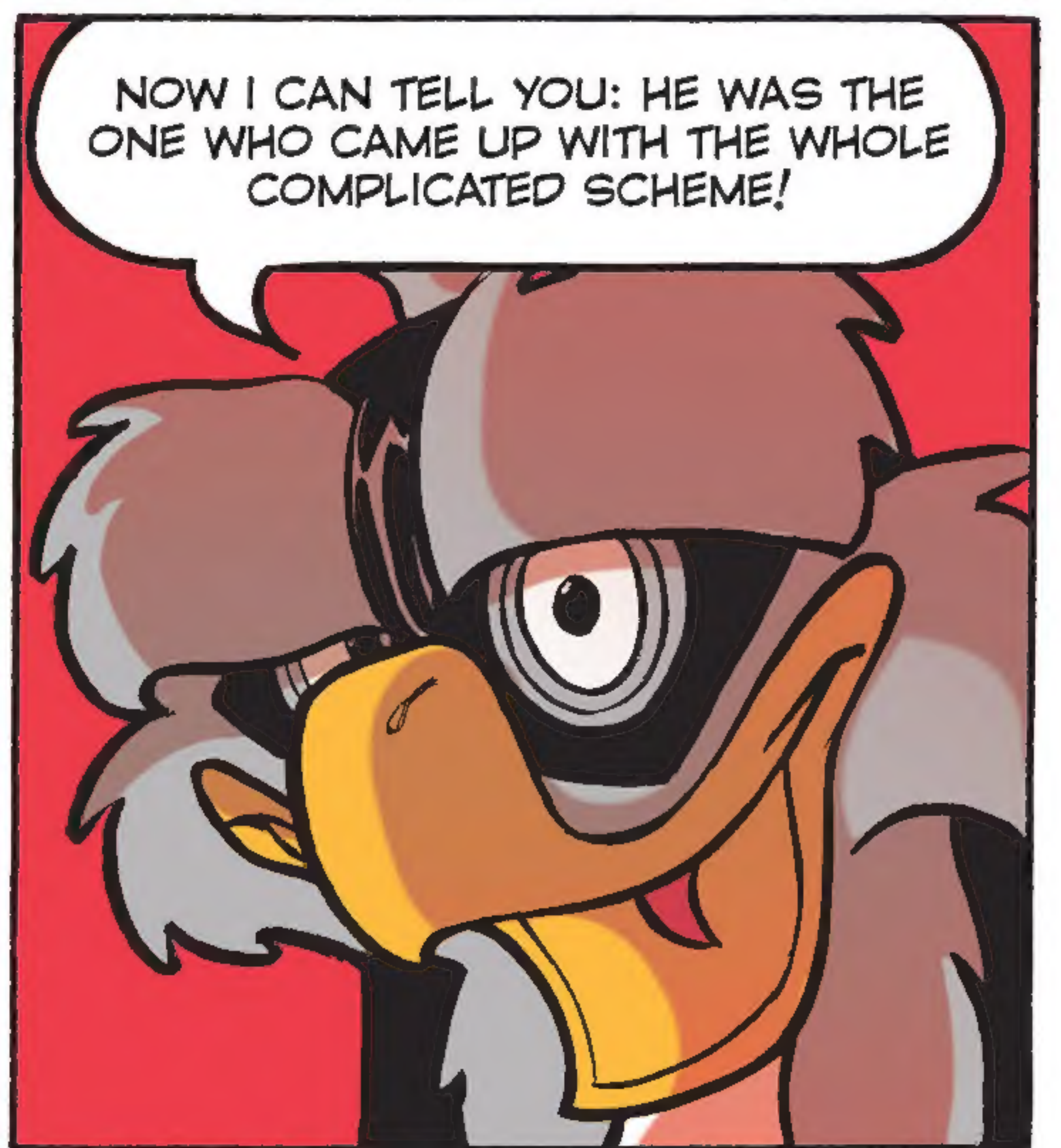
WHITE DEEP
WILL *DEPART*
TOMORROW FOR THE
SOUTH POLE! ITS
ADVENTURE WILL
START FROM
THERE!

LET'S HOPE IT SUC-
CEEDS! THE EARTH
NEEDS A LITTLE
COOLING!

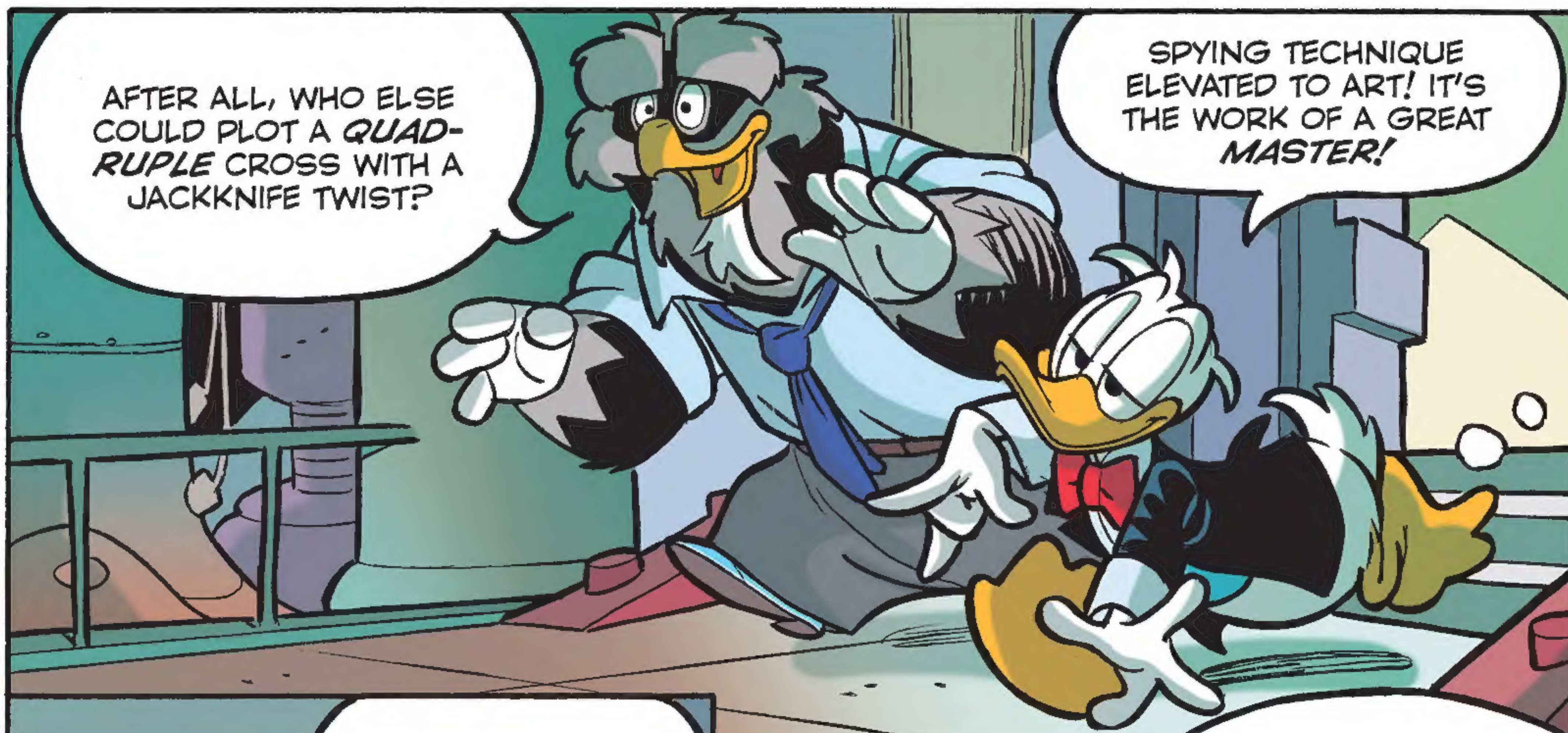


MEANWHILE, *SOMEONE* VERY
"HIGH UP" IS EXPECTING US!

GULP! THE
BIG BOSS?

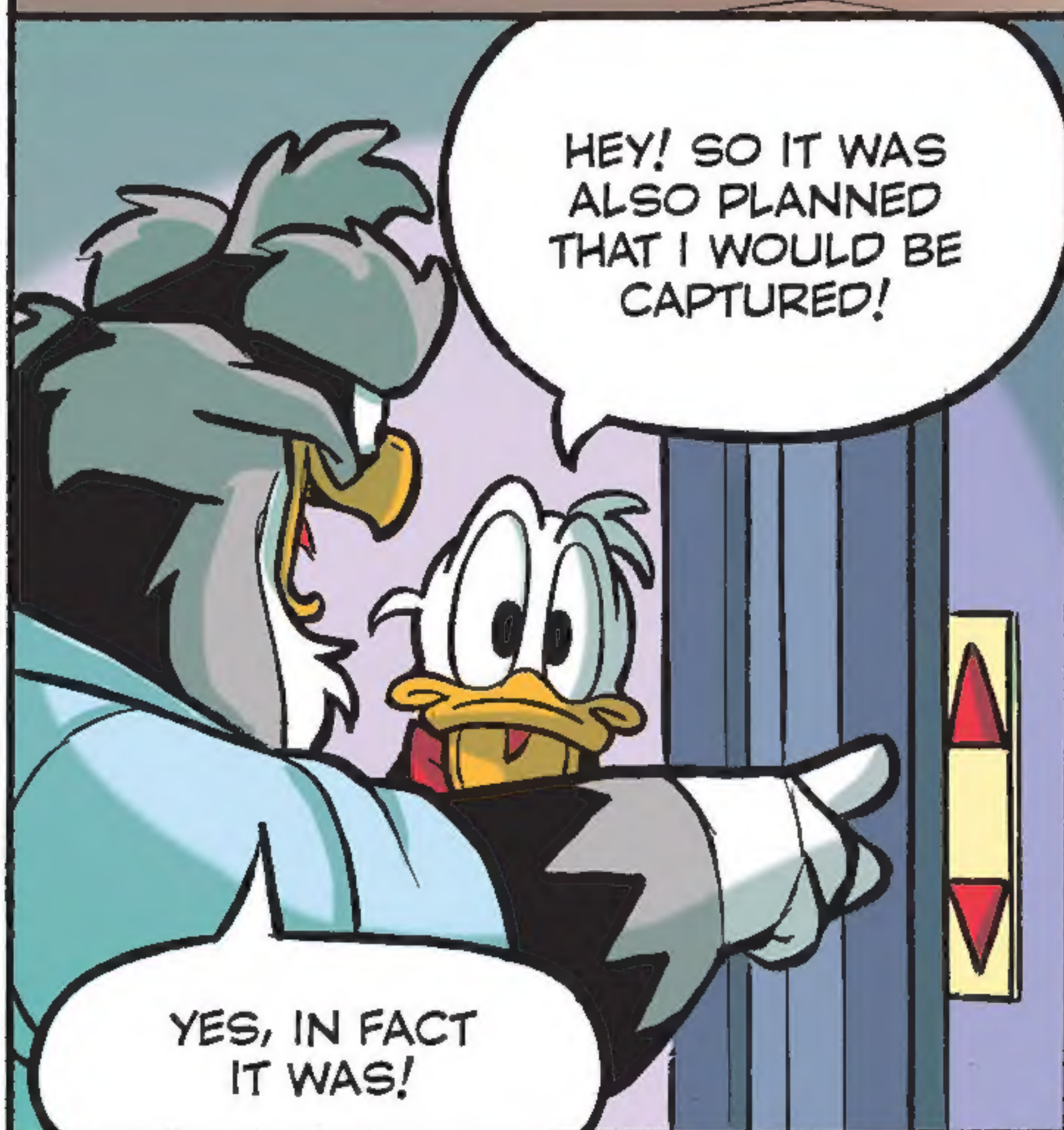


NOW I CAN TELL YOU: HE WAS THE
ONE WHO CAME UP WITH THE WHOLE
COMPLICATED SCHEME!



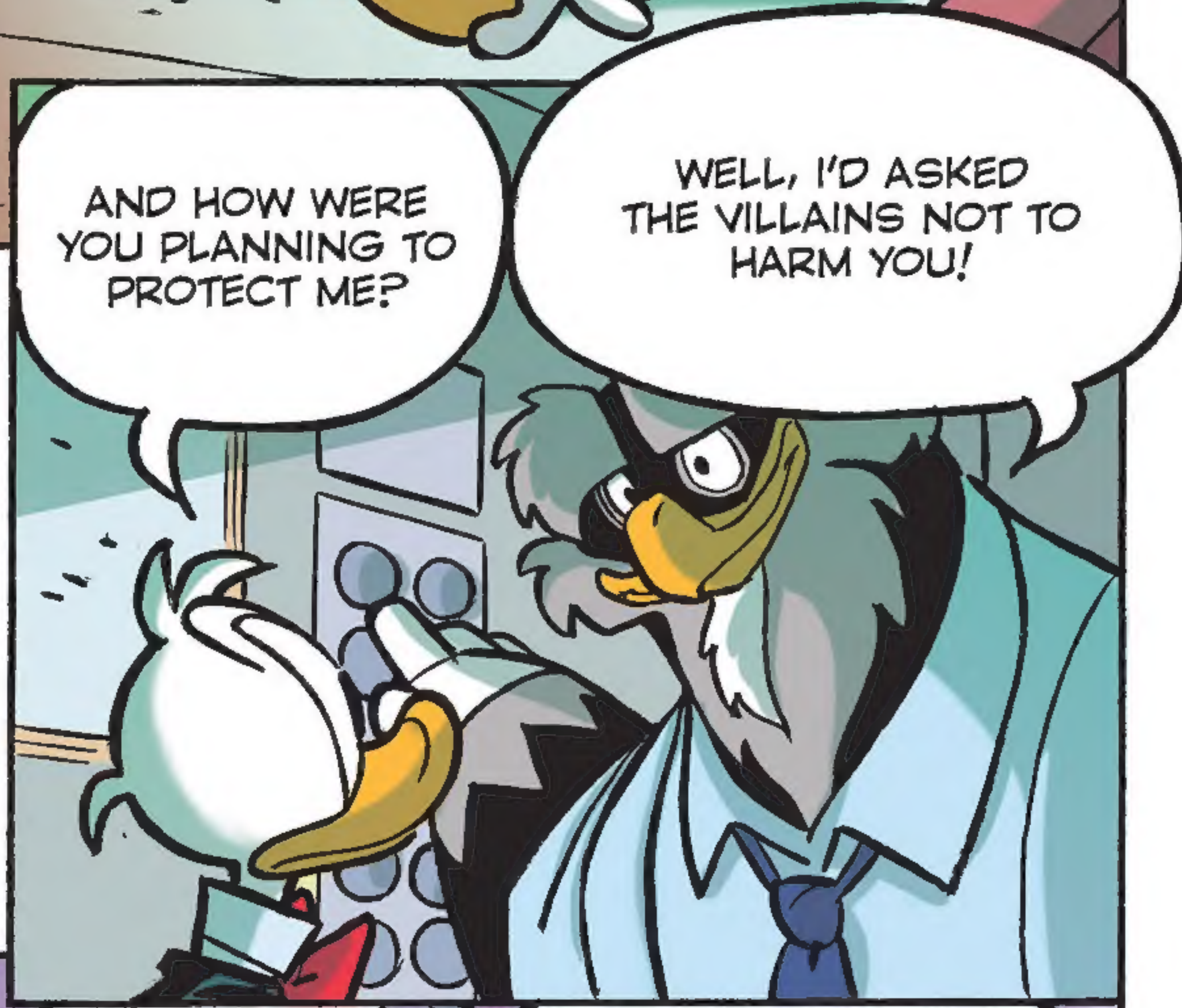
AFTER ALL, WHO ELSE COULD PLOT A *QUADRUPE* CROSS WITH A JACKKNIFE TWIST?

SPYING TECHNIQUE ELEVATED TO ART! IT'S THE WORK OF A GREAT *MASTER!*



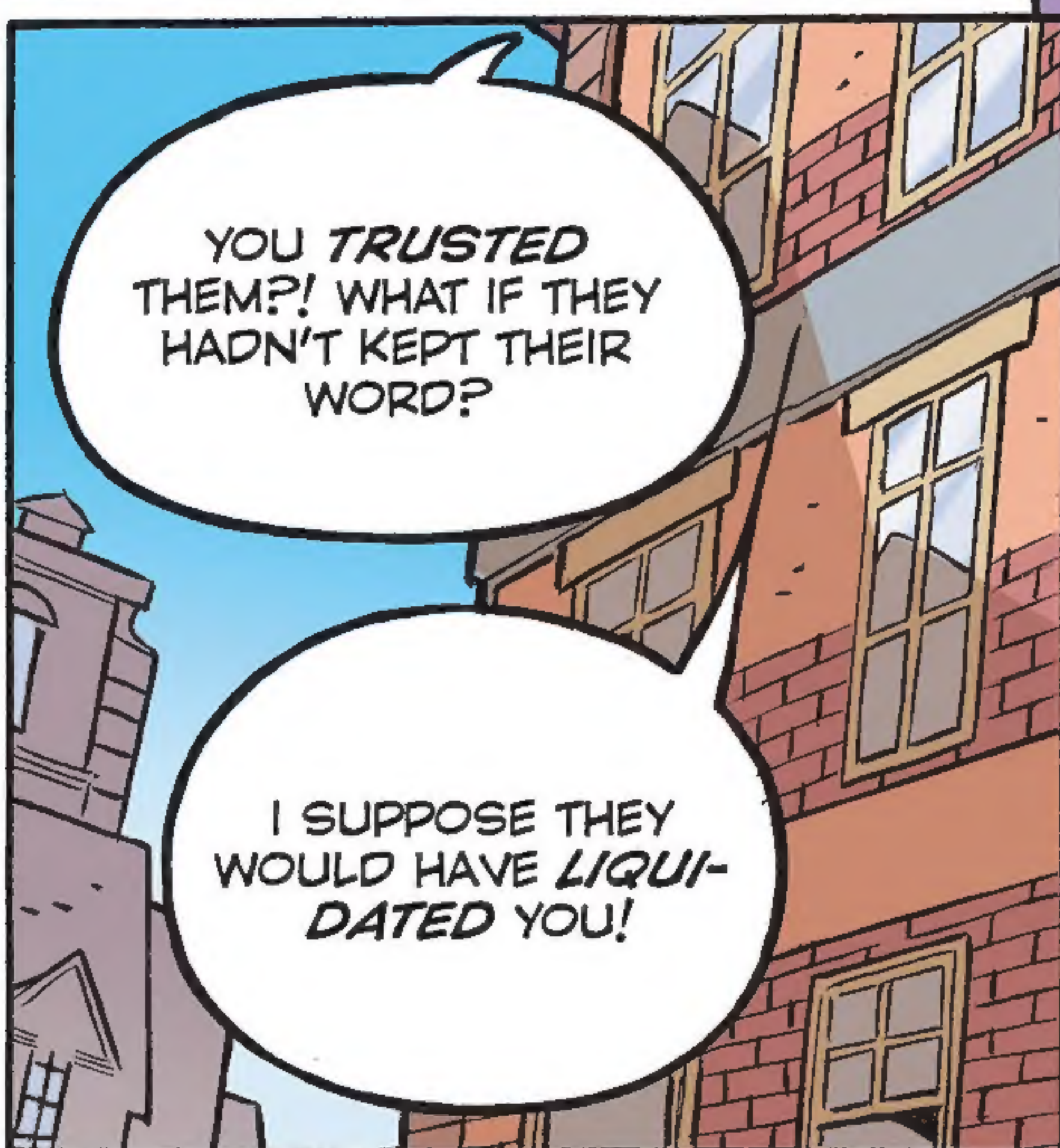
HEY! SO IT WAS ALSO PLANNED THAT I WOULD BE CAPTURED!

YES, IN FACT IT WAS!



AND HOW WERE YOU PLANNING TO PROTECT ME?

WELL, I'D ASKED THE VILLAINS NOT TO HARM YOU!



YOU *TRUSTED* THEM?! WHAT IF THEY HADN'T KEPT THEIR WORD?

I SUPPOSE THEY WOULD HAVE *LIQUIDATED* YOU!



GURGLE! THAT'S WHAT YOU TELL ME?

COME ON, DOUBLE-DUCK! YOU'RE A SECRET AGENT, *NOT* A CARTOONIST!



RISK, TENSION,
DANGER... THAT'S WHAT
MAKES OUR JOB SO
FASCINATING!



SIGH! I'LL
MISS IT ALL!



HUH? WHY DO
YOU HAVE TO
MISS IT?



BECAUSE ONE THING IS TRUE:
I'M *RETIRING*! I'VE CARRIED OUT
MY *LAST* ASSIGNMENT!

WHAAT?!



SO YOU'LL GO
THROUGH THE *MNE-*
MONIC RESET AND
TAKE ON A NEW
IDENTITY?

THE AGENCY WON'T BE THE
SAME WITHOUT YOU!

OH, YOU'LL FORGET
ME SOON ENOUGH!
BUT NOW, ENOUGH
GLOOM...



THE BIG
BOSS IS WAIT-
ING FOR
US!

YES, THAT'S THE
PROCEDURE!

CLUNK

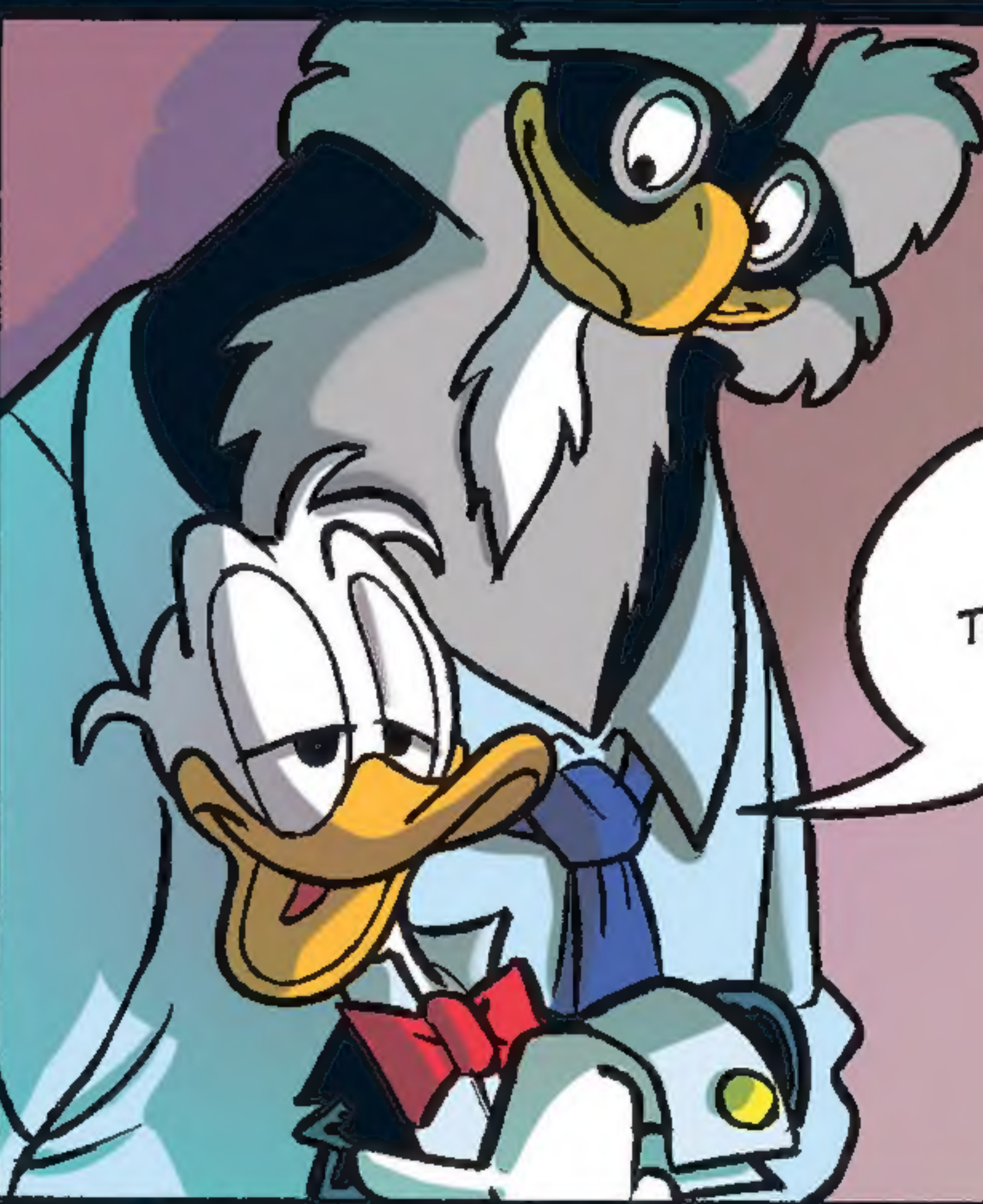


WELL DONE, BOYS!
EXCELLENT WORK!



JAY J. YOU RAN THE
OPERATION FLAWLESSLY!

YOU'RE TOO KIND, SIR!



YOU DID WELL TOO, DOUBLE-
DUCK! BUT WILL YOU EVER
STOP DOING WHATEVER YOU
PLEASE AND GETTING
INTO TROUBLE?

NEVER, BOSS! NOT
TO BOAST, BUT THAT'S
MY STYLE!



RIGHT, YOUR STYLE...
I KNOW IT WELL!



IN FACT,
NO ONE KNOWS
IT AS WELL
AS I!

THE END